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## Monarchist Movement Spreading In Germany

### CROWN PRINCE REPORTED UNDER HOUSE ARREST:

#### GERMAN OFFER TO THE CZECHS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bratislava, To-day. It is reported in well-informed circles that Germany is offering the Czech leaders in Prague a new status of complete autonomy for the protectorate of Bohemia and Moravia, and even frontier rectifications in the Sudeten and Teschen regions.

Condition is that they disavow the Czech patriots fighting on the French and British side and raise a small "symbolical" army to demonstrate on the front "German-Czech solidarity." — Havas.

#### COLOSSAL DEATH ROLL IN OIL FIRE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Caracas, To-day. A colossal death roll, believed to be between 300 and 500, resulted from the complete destruction by fire yesterday of the important Venezuelan oil producing centre at Lagunillas, near Maracaibo Lake.

Urgent precautions are being taken by the Government to limit the disaster and help the population. The Maracaibo region is one of the richest oil producing centres in the world. — Havas.

#### RATIONING PROTEST

London, To-day. The new decree, rationing clothing for the German people, has caused consternation in the country. It is reported that a protest against the order has been lodged by a group of the Nazi Party, but the protest has been rejected. — Reuter.

### PRINCE JOACHIM "DIES SUDDENLY"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

THE NAZI POLICE are taking widespread precautions against extension of the Monarchist movement, which is gaining momentum in Germany, reports the "Daily Herald."

Crown Prince Wilhelm, the journal declares, is practically under house arrest, and the residences of other Hohenzollern princes have been searched. Prince Joachim Albrecht's "sudden death," is announced in the German newspapers.

The "Daily Herald" declares that the Crown Prince's house arrest was ordered after he was acclaimed by Monarchists in the streets of Potsdam.

The Hohenzollern princes have sent a delegation to Hitler protesting against the decision.

HITLER ANGRY

They point out that 28 members of

the Kaiser's family are serving in the German ranks, and they will be unable to continue on active service if the Crown Prince is arrested.

Hitler's anger, it is stated, resulted in sterner measures against the Prince.

Meanwhile, in Stockholm, the newspaper "Sozial Demokraten" reports that Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, is leading the Monarchist movement in Bavaria and Wurtemberg "against the usurper Hitler, for peace and the maintenance of Christian civilisation." — Havas.

#### GESTAPO FETCHED OUT OF BEDS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Gestapo agents in Prague were turned out of their beds before dawn yesterday, to remove posters exhibited throughout the city, according to a report from the Czech capital.

Thousands of posters were put up, proclaiming in large letters: "Clear Out The Huns."

A series of arrests have been made. — Havas.

#### HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE ON FRONT

London, To-day.

Heavy artillery fire rumbled all along the front from the Moselle to the Saar during last night.

The bark of the big guns was audible in Luxembourg. — Reuter.

#### GRACIE FIELDS OFF TO FRANCE

London, To-day.

Gracie Fields is leaving for France to-day to take part in concerts for the troops. — Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST: — East winds, moderate; cloudy.

#### LITVINOFF IN KREMLIN'S GOOD BOOKS?

(Special to "China Mail")

Moscow To-day.

A come-back by Maxim Litvinoff, former Foreign Commissar, is freely predicted here, although he is not expected to get a position in any way comparable to his previous one.

It is rumoured that Mr. Litvinoff will be appointed head of the Marx Engels Institute in Moscow or head of the information department of the Comintern's foreign bureau. — Havas.

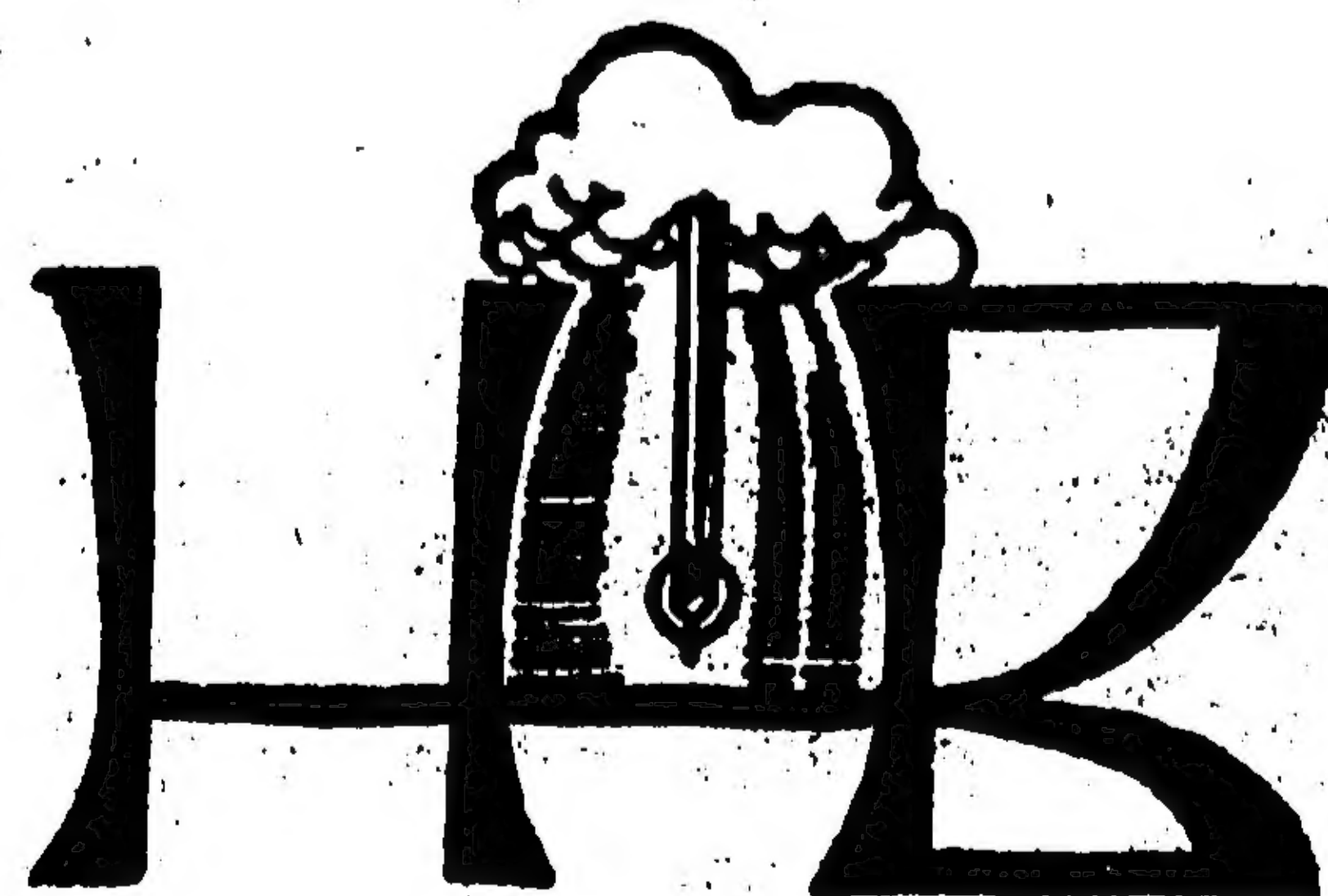
#### 30 HOURS ADrift IN OPEN BOAT

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SURVIVORS OF A 13,000-TON NORWEGIAN STEAMER WHO WERE BROUGHT INTO A PORT IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND YESTERDAY, DECLARE THAT THEIR SHIP WAS SUNK BY A U-BOAT ENTIRELY WITHOUT WARNING.

The 23 members of the crew who were picked up were in an open boat in the North Sea for over 30 hours before they were picked up, and several have been sent to hospital suffering from the effects of exposure. — Reuter.

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TO-MORROW: **"GOLDWYN FOLLIES OF 1939"**

# DARDANUS PILOT'S STORY OF THE INCIDENT

Canton, To-day.

"WE WERE FOLLOWED and fired on ten miles from Wei-chow Island," said Captain J. N. Wilson, pilot of the Imperial Airways plane Dardanus, in an interview with Reuter yesterday in discussing the incident in which the British aircraft was forced down by Japanese planes on November 8.

Both Captain Wilson, and the co-pilot, Mr. Raeburn, said they were well treated during the period they were held for questioning by the Japanese authorities, though on all their movements they were followed by armed guards.

A request to see the British Consul was refused.

When shown Reuter messages concerning the incident, Capt. Wilson denied the Japanese allegation that the Dardanus had flown below the proscribed attitude over Wei-chow.

The proscribed height, he added, had never been recognised by the British Government.—Reuter.

It is understood that the proposal to bring Mr. Wilson and Mr. Raeburn to Hong Kong by Japanese plane has been abandoned and that they are coming down by boat.

## SEVERAL MEASURES

London, To-day.

The Secretary for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, announced in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon several measures for the help of servicemen.

Under a new scheme family allowances would be given to all ranks, and children's allowances would be increased.

Men would be given free railway travel when on leave.—Reuter.

## STERLING WOBBLES

New York, To-day.

After rising nearly three cents, Sterling dropped abruptly on the New York foreign exchange market yesterday on a renewal of Dutch and Far Eastern selling.

Sterling later turned steadier while the market apparently discounted Germany's rejection of the neutral states' mediation proposal.—Reuter.

## HIT-AND-RUN DRIVER

The police are searching for a hit-and-run driver who knocked down a 24-year-old Chinese, Wong Fun, yesterday in Prince Edward Road.

The man sustained a fractured arm which may result in amputation.

The car was a saloon and it is believed the front mudguard was bent and one of the front headlights damaged.

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# JAPANESE LAND NEAR PAKHOI

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

A FORCE OF ABOUT 500 Japanese troops and marines landed at dawn to-day, some distance north-west of Pakhoi, according to brief messages received here shortly before noon.

Later messages add that there was little fighting as the landing apparently came as a complete surprise to the Chinese coastal guards who did not anticipate that the Japanese would venture a landing in the rough weather now prevailing.

Following the landing of the first batch, more troops were sent ashore from the Japanese transports which have been in the vicinity for almost a week, and it is estimated that between 1,000 and 2,000 Japanese troops are taking part in the operation.

The Japanese are reported to be proceeding in two directions—one section towards Pakhoi and the other towards Yamchowfu.

## NO RESISTANCE YET

There is no sign yet of organised Chinese resistance, and the invaders are expected to reach Pakhoi this evening, and Yamchow to-morrow afternoon.

Japanese planes are co-operating in spite of lowlying clouds but no reports of any bombing have been received.

The French authorities are doubling guards along the frontier to cope with a possible rush of refugees from Chinese territory.

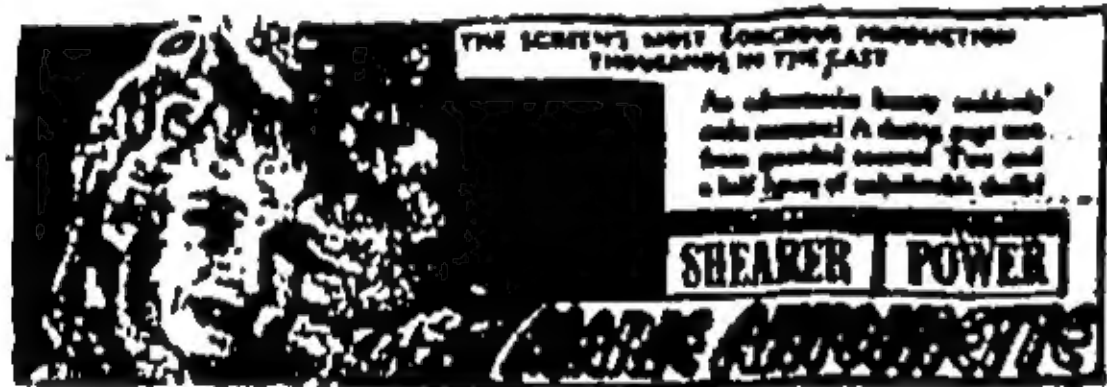
Apparently, villagers in the Chinese territory north-west of this port, have not yet heard of the landing, for there are as yet no signs of refugees.—Our Own Correspondent.

Thirty-four cases of tuberculosis, six dysentery, two diphtheria and one typhoid were notified to the local Health Department yesterday.

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## PRINTING INK THEFT

Chan Ng, 26, ink maker, and Chan Muk-wing, 42, unemployed, were charged at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning with larceny of 1,400 pounds of printing ink from the Yee Loong Printing Ink Company, No. 5, Tin Lok Lane, during January and November 13.

Detective Sub-Inspector Darkins said defendants took the ink out of the shop a small quantity each time, and the thefts had been going on for a considerable time. The total value of the ink was at least \$2,000.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed on each defendant.

## RESISTED ARREST

A 32-year-old unemployed, Yau Kwan, was charged before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning with conspiracy to commit larceny at No. 47, Wanchai Road, with assaulting Indian Police constable B.356 and resisting arrest.

Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin said that defendant, with four others, went into a shop in Wanchai Road yesterday. The men pretended to make a purchase while defendant tried to open a drawer. Defendant was caught by a shop-look, and when the Indian Constable arrested defendant, he struck the constable.

Defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour on the first count, and another three months' on the second, and was also recommended for banishment.

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# FINLAND ADAMANT ABOUT HANGOE: NEGOTIATIONS ADJOURNED "SINE DIE"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

IT IS AUTHORITATIVELY stated that the Soviet-Finnish negotiations have not been broken off but merely adjourned sine die.

It is now disclosed that the main cause for the deadlock was Finland's firm refusal to grant the Russians the right to construct a naval base at Hangoe while the other questions apparently have been settled without difficulty.

Helsinki is believed to have accepted ratification of the frontier along the Carelian Isthmus, although it did not entirely comply with Moscow's claims. Helsinki also agreed to give up Hogland and other small islands off Kronstadt.

The Russians are no longer insisting on a military alliance.

Meanwhile, military activities have been greatly increased in the Leningrad district leading to the belief of impending Soviet pressure.

Leningrad is practically in a state of siege with all civilian doctors and nurses mobilised for the past few days.

Seven Finnish divisions have been concentrated behind the fortified line along the Carelian Isthmus.—Havas.

FINLAND REFUSES TO BE PESSIMISTIC

Helsingfors, To-day.  
The Finnish press reiterates Finland's firmness and refuses to be pessimistic because Finland is prepared to do her utmost to reach an acceptable solution.

Nevertheless, the Governor of Helsingfors Province urges women and children who evacuated not to come back unnecessarily.—Reuter.

FIRST REAL TEST

New York, To-day.  
The "New York Times" says that Finland's attitude to Soviet Russia is really the first real test for modern Russia.

The spirit of Finland is so formidable that this David among nations may well scare off Goliath.—Reuter.

## WISHFUL THINKING AGAIN

London, To-day.

Almost daily assertions in Arabic broadcasts from the German short-wave station at Zeesen that the Moslem peoples are ready to rise in arms against the Allies are described in a letter to "The Times" from the Secretary of the Colonial League as yet another example of wishful thinking by the Nazis.

He says that despite vast sums spent by the Reich Ministry of Propaganda over the past few years in attempting to alienate the affections of the Moslem world, followers of Islam in the British and French Empires, and also in neighbouring countries, remain steadfast in their loyalty to the Democratic Powers.

Out of a total of 210 million Moslems scattered over the globe, he adds, there is not a single community but is opposed to the Nazi creed of racial hatred and domination, alike on religious and political grounds.

ARAB COMMENT

In this connexion he cites the Arab newspaper Alefba, of Damascus.

It writes: "We do not know to what Arab peoples the Nazis refer."

"In no case do the Arabs need defending. They are above all against Germany, against Nazism and against the aggressor."

"Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Arabia, Bahrain, the Persian Gulf, Zanzibar, Kuwait, Yemen and the protectorates of Yemen are by the word of their kings and chiefs manifesting their hostility towards Germany."

"Where are the Arab countries that remain for the German radio to incite?"—British Wireless.

## LAUNCH COLLISION

Chungking, To-day.  
More than thirty bodies of Chinese passengers drowned as a result of a collision between a speeding Japanese military launch and a Chinese ferry boat in the Whangpoo River on Monday have been recovered, according to a Shanghai dispatch. There are still about thirty missing.—Central News.

GERMAN CLAIMS

## AND THE FACTS ABOUT AIR RAID

London, To-day.

The German propaganda agency makes the usual exaggerated claims regarding Monday's raid on the Shetlands, claiming that two flying-boats were destroyed and a cruiser hit.

This, of course, is not the case. The bombs made several 6-foot holes and crofters' windows were smashed, but otherwise no damage was caused.

The four German planes, which were driven off by anti-aircraft fire on the two attempted raids, dropped 12 500-lb. bombs. Four of these fell in the sea, four landed close to a school which was occupied at the time and the other four landed on a hill three miles away. One 7-lb. fragment hit a small house.

An eye-witness says that the four bombs which dropped into the sea were aerial torpedoes.—Reuter.

The German wireless broadcast claimed that the raiders had sunk H.M.S. Kent, flagship of the China Squadron.

## INSTRUCTING THE INSTRUCTOR

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE WAR OFFICE PLANS FOR TRAINING N.C.O. INSTRUCTORS HAVE MADE SUCH RAPID PROGRESS THAT THEIR NUMBER IS EXPECTED TO BE DOUBLED SHORTLY AFTER CHRISTMAS.

A high standard is being set, and the modern infantryman's job is such a scientific one that instructors of the last war have to go through special training before they, in turn, can start training the recruits.—Reuter.

## FINNISH "MENACE" TO SOVIET RIDICULED

London, To-day.

BRITISH PRESS COMMENT yesterday was mainly concerned with Finland and the Low Countries, the economic front at Home and in France; and the recent speeches of King George, M. Lebrun and Mr. Winston Churchill.

"The Times" ridicules the idea that Finland could be a menace to Soviet Russia. Since Russia professes to abjure imperialism, her determination to make the east Baltic secure was directed against one single state.

The "News Chronicle" says a tribute to Finland. It points out that the United States had not only given her support to Finland but that the

was also showing the same interest in the other small neutral countries like Holland as well.

The "Daily Telegraph" welcomes the Dutch Premier's broadcast. Holland's guarantee of her neutrality by mobilising says the paper, is a guarantee that her honour and the whole world. What would be risked by a violation of her independence has been made clear.—Reuter.

## BLACK-OUT IN SWITZERLAND

Zurich, To-day.

The greater part of Switzerland—including the towns of Zurich, Berne and Basle—were "black-out" till dawn to-day.

The Swiss Federal Council has authorised the Government to expropriate or appropriate any property which they need and where they cannot reach an agreement with the owners.—Reuter.

## MEMORIAL TO KING GEORGE V.

New Delhi, To-day.

Unveiling a new memorial to King George V, the Viceroy of India yesterday said that King George was more than a constitutional symbol and an abstract impression of the unity of the Empire.

He was everybody's friend. In the task of rebuilding from the last war, the part he played was not a small one. The memorial represented a tribute paid to a beloved sovereign by his people in India.

With the exception of the head and crown, which were made in England, the whole of the marble memorial was made in India. It stands beside the Viceroy's house and the Secretariat.—Reuter.

## GENERAL SIKORSKI IN LONDON

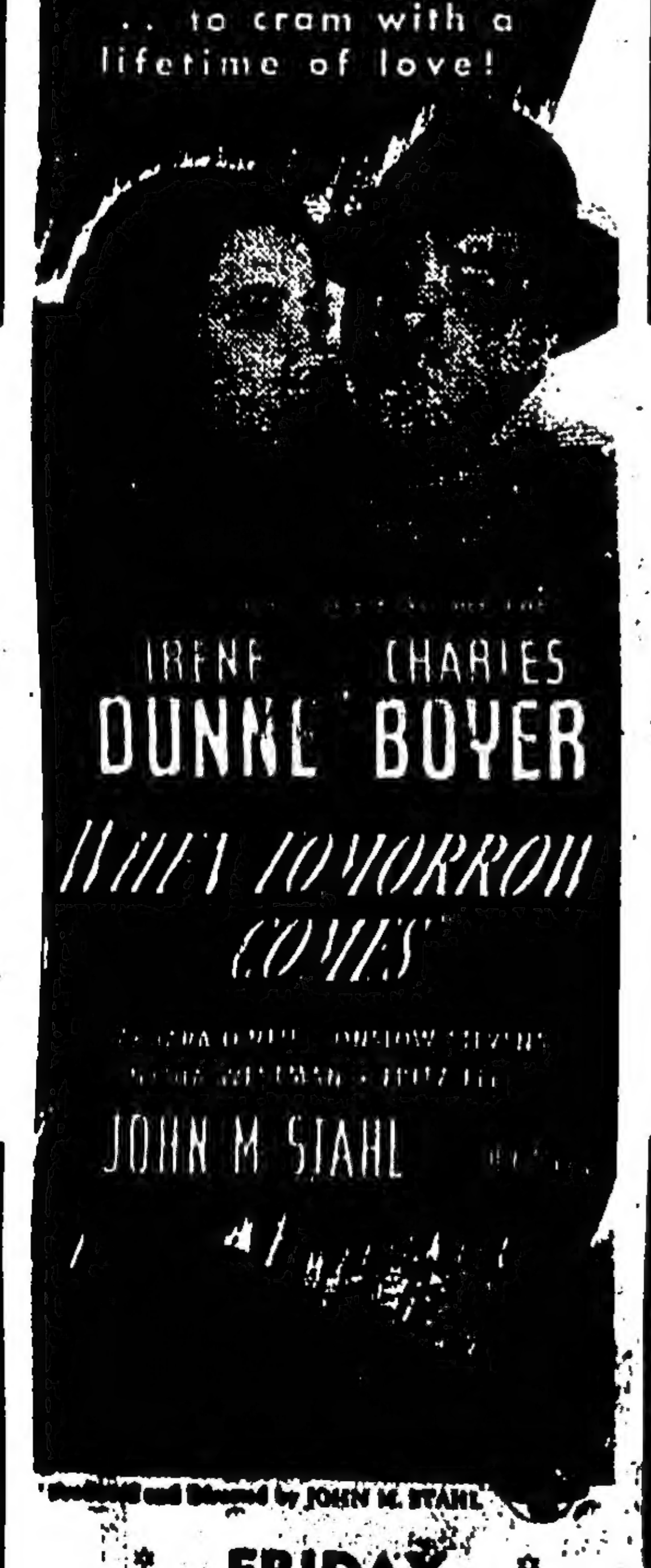
London, To-day.

The new Polish Prime Minister and the new Foreign Minister, General Sikorski and M. Zaleski, arrived from Paris by air shortly after noon yesterday.

General Sikorski said that he had every confidence in the final victory of the Allies and that he was sure that that victory will bring Poland back to life as she was before the war.

The Polish ministers visited Lord Halifax yesterday afternoon at the Foreign Office and later saw Mr. Chamberlain at 10, Downing Street. They are also to meet Mr. Winston Churchill and Lord Chatfield.—Reuter.

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## JAPAN'S RELATIONS WITH AMERICA

TOKYO, TO-DAY.

"HIGHLY ENCOURAGING FROM THE STANDPOINT OF JAPANESE-AMERICAN RELATIONS IS THE ANNOUNCEMENT MADE YESTERDAY BY THE FOREIGN OFFICE, DUPLICATING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OF A SETTLEMENT IN SOME CASES IN CHINA INVOLVING JAPANESE DAMAGE TO OR OCCUPATION OF AMERICAN PROPERTIES," SAYS THE "JAPAN ADVERTISER," AMERICAN-OWNED AND MANAGED NEWSPAPER.

It adds: "That they are cases of a kind that can be settled quietly and easily does not detract from the importance of their settlement, nor does it matter greatly whether the compensation for the damage is called consolation or indemnity."

"What matters is the progress being made in the negotiation of settlements, and the Japanese and American authorities in China are gaining experience in reconciling their differences and reaching agreements."

"If enough progress is made in disposing of cases of this kind an atmosphere will be created in which it may be possible to approach the more difficult cases, those involving important principles, with some confidence that they can be solved." — Reuter.

## FINANCIAL TALKS BY ALLIES

London, To-day.

M. Reynaud, the French Finance Minister, arrived in London yesterday for financial and trade talks with prominent British officials.

M. Reynaud, in a broadcast delivered in English in the B.B.C. home service, said he was much impressed by the determination of the British people to conquer and to obtain a peace which would really be peace.

He said that in France one in 18 were in the army. Economic life, had suffered a severe blow but the people faced the situation bravely.

With such a spirit, he said, liberty would triumph in the world. — Reuter.

## PARLIAMENT ENDS NEXT WEEK

London, To-day.

The present session of Parliament will terminate on November 23, and the new session will open on November 28.

The King's speech, which is expected to be very short, will be read by the Royal Commissioner, and the King will not attend personally. — Reuter.

## AMERICAN LOAN TO CHINA RUMOURS

Shanghai, To-day.

Rumours that that the recently reported American loan to China is about to be signed considerably strengthened the Chinese national dollar yesterday. — Our Own Correspondent.

## FRENCH ARTILLERY RETAIN FAITH IN HORSES

London, To-day.

IN A BROADCAST from Daventry last night, Richard Dimblebey, the B.B.C. Observer, said that the British and French zones were similar in detail but differed much in general principle. The Allied Armies thus had the best of both systems and their combined resources make a force of unrivalled flexibility.

Whereas the British artillery favoured mechanization, the French had great faith in animals, and the Observer had seen some of the finest horses he had ever seen engaged in this service. Many were "regulars," while others had been pressed into service.

The British, too, however, are ready to use horse transport should it be necessary.

French officers say that the bad weather which has been prevailing might make it too difficult for mechanised transport but not too difficult for their horses.

Mr. Dimblebey said that he had watched the famous French "75's" in action and also the somewhat overshadowed "105's" and "150's."

The latter were particularly deadly, and he had the good fortune to see them actually in use against German positions.

### ON EDGE OF WOOD

The batteries were on the edge of a wood. A mile away was a village held by light French posts and on the other side of the village, across a small plain, was a wood in which German advance posts were believed to be. A corner of this wood was the objective.

The B.B.C. Observer and the French officers went forward to an Observation Post set up in a shell-hole of the last war, and focussed their glasses on the wood.

The first shell whistled overhead and fell slightly short. The range was increased and the shells landed exactly on the objective. The fire was very accurate, said the B.B.C. Observer, and it was really extraordinarily remarkable how quickly the new gun crews got to know their weapons and handle them properly. — Reuter.

## GERMAN MUNITIONS FOR BULGARIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Belgrade, To-day.

Informed quarters learn that about 500 wagons full of munitions, camouflaged under baskets of fruits and other goods, have poured into Bulgaria from Germany since September, and is still continuing.

Furthermore, German warplanes have also been brought into Bulgaria while Belgrade can say nothing because Berlin claims that the craft are for civil use.

Thrice weekly, a squadron of planes follow the regular aviation routes between the Reich and Bulgaria with crews consisting of about 15.

The transport of munitions was stopped when the Yugoslav authorities discovered the true nature of the "fruit trains" but are helpless against the smuggling of warplanes.

Observers believe that these war materials may be destined to supply Bulgaria with the view to an offensive against the Dardanelles. — Havas.

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## IMPORTANT LETTER KEPT A SECRET

**London, To-day.**  
DURING THE FOURTH day's hearing of Princess Hohenlohe's action against Lord Rothermere for breach of contract, Mr. Beyfus, the Princess's Counsel, showed Lord Rothermere a letter which was not made public.

Counsel asked Lord Rothermere: "Were you suggesting in that letter a certain course to Hitler which, if followed, would have had a very violent European repercussion?"

Lord Rothermere did not reply. Mr. Beyfus repeated his question whereupon Lord Rothermere answered: "I don't think so."

## ROYAL NAVY'S STRENGTH

**London, To-day.**  
The active service personnel of the Royal Navy allowed for in the 1939 Naval Estimates was 133,000. With the reserves now serving and 50,000 men to be enrolled under the National Service Acts the anticipated war total of the British navy personnel is brought up to 229,000.

At the outbreak of hostilities in 1914/18 the war personnel of the Royal Navy was 201,000, which had increased to 407,000 at the time of the Armistice.

In that war, however, there were many more battleships, battle-cruisers and cruisers, absorbing larger complements than we now possess or are necessary for dealing with the much smaller German fleet.

### TREMENDOUS RESERVES

The tremendous reserves of naval man power and ships Britain possesses was illustrated when in his recent speech the First Lord of the Admiralty mentioned that the number of Britain's anti-submarine and patrol craft had trebled since the beginning of hostilities.

In the last war the number of vessels in auxiliary patrol increased from 745 on December 31, 1914, to 3,714 at the time of the Armistice, even after heavy losses.

In November, 1918, the minesweeping force alone comprised 726 vessels—110 regular naval ships, 52 hired paddle steamers of the type patronised by excursionists during peace, 412 fishing trawlers, 142 herring drifters and ten shallow-draught minesweepers of a special type.

### AUXILIARY PATROLS

The work of the minesweepers and auxiliary patrol craft of all types, including trawlers, yachts, drifters and motorboats, was one of the outstanding features of the last war, as it is to-day.

These little ships are manned almost entirely by officers and men of the Merchant Navy and the fishing fleets and by civilians from every profession and walk of life eager to serve afloat.—British Wireless.

## MR. CHURCHILL AT THE PALACE

**London, To-day.**  
The King gave audiences yesterday to Mr. Winston Churchill and Lord Baldwin.—Reuter.

Lord Rothermere said he did not accept Mr. Beyfus' suggestion that during 1938 he was "resuming his intervention in the affairs of Europe in the same way as he had done previously, and to a much greater extent."

Later Lord Rothermere said: "I was engaged then in trying to prevent a war between two peoples."

### "RELYING ON PRESSURE"

Lord Rothermere's son, the Hon. Esmond Harmsworth, who succeeded his father in the chairmanship of the company owning the "Daily Mail" and other publications, said he had not known more than a month that the Princess was in his father's employment. He only knew she was a friend of his father's.

Sir William Jowitt, making the closing speech for Lord Rothermere, suggested that the lady was putting forward an action she knew was dishonest, relying on pressure she thought she could bring on Lord Rothermere to settle the action rather than run the risk of disclosure of certain confidential letters.

### NO DISCREDIT

He declared there were no letters reflecting the slightest discredit on Lord Rothermere, but they contained material regarding negotiations with people in various countries on highly confidential matters conducted under the seal of confidence.

Sir William Jowitt continued that Lord Rothermere deeply resented confidential matters being dragged up by the Princess in the law courts.

Counsel said he suggested to the Princess in the plainest possible terms that she had tried to blackmail the Hon. Esmond Harmsworth by threatening to produce letters, real or imaginary, which she had had from his father.

### "INCREDIBLE"

Mr. Beyfus, for the Princess, declared it was essential for her to keep a copy of Lord Rothermere's correspondence, and it was incredible that Lord Rothermere, throughout the period in question, did not know the Princess had copies of the correspondence.

Mr. Justice Tucker pointed out that Hitler's letters contained nothing discreditable or anything conflicting with the speeches he had made at the time.

The same might be said as regards Lord Rothermere.

The hearing was adjourned.—Reuter.

## POLISH GIRL GUIDES DECORATED

**London, To-day.**  
The Queen yesterday presented the Bronze Cross to the leader of the Polish Girl Guides, many of whom lost their lives during the Nazi invasion of their country.—Reuter.

## INDIA'S PART IN THE WAR

**London, To-day.**  
However stern and prolonged the war, India is far better prepared to meet it than in 1914, declared Sir Frank Noyce, former member of the Viceroy's Council, addressing the East India Association yesterday.

He said the scale of India's war exertions depend to a great extent on the course the war takes in the next few months, but her most important function must be to act as a supply centre from Egypt to Malaya.—Reuter.

## SUGAR EXCHANGES TO CLOSE

**Tokyo, To-day.**  
Following closely on the abolition of the Tokyo rice spot market last month the Tokyo and Osaka Sugar Exchanges will be forced to close their doors in the near future, according to reports published here to-day.

Enforcement of the regulations in connection with control of commodity prices, it is stated, has killed the hopes of sugar dealers and brokers that the market would be allowed to operate somehow.

An application to the Commerce and Industry Ministry for formal permission to dissolve the Exchange has been granted.

The last general meeting of the Board of Directors of the Tokyo Sugar Exchange will be held shortly.—Reuter.

## THREE INJURED: FINED \$50

Following a serious accident in which three Chinese women pedestrians were knocked down in succession by a private car, No. 2952, at the intersection of Prince Edward and Tam Kung Roads on Friday afternoon, the driver, Ho Ming, 28, was this morning fined \$50 by Mr. E. Hims-worth at Kowloon for driving the car without efficient brakes.

Traffic Sergeant J. Scrim, prosecuting, said that Ho while driving along Prince Edward Road saw a child suddenly run in front of the car and he swerved to the right, knocking down three pedestrians in succession. The victims were all admitted to hospital.

His speed at the time of accident was said to be between 50-60 m.p.h. Later the brakes were tested at 20 m.p.h. and the car stopped in 50 feet.

## REMOVAL OF STONE WITHOUT AUTHORITY

The manager of the Concrete Products Ltd., was summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning for removing stone from Crown Land without the permission of the P. W. D., at Waterfall Bay.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

## WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a weak anticyclone covers China and the Eastern Sea.

Pressure is relatively low to the east of the Visayas.

## COMMON IDEALS

**Paris, To-day.**  
The Paris press, examining Mr. Winston Churchill's address on Sunday, reiterates the common ideals binding Britain and France.—Reuter.

A 43-year-old painter, Kwok Ko, was killed yesterday as the result of a fall into the hold of the s.s. Hai Lee at Kowloon Docks.

## FANTASTIC GERMAN FIGURES OF THE AIR WAR

**London, To-day.**  
GERMAN PRESS messages and broadcasts on Monday cited figures regarding the air war given by "competent quarters" in Berlin and alleging that British and French losses until November 10 were together 80 planes, the British 16 and the French 64, while the Germans lost only 17.

These fantastic figures are a characteristic misrepresentation, of the fact that 17 German aircraft have been brought down on or near the British coast, 15 by our aircraft and two by anti-aircraft fire, and therefore reference to other losses is entirely omitted.

These misleading statements probably have two purposes, one to elicit denials by the Air Ministry in a form which would enable the enemy to deduce the figures of Allied air losses, now unavailable, and secondly to convey the impression that the British air force is letting France fight the British battle.

### FULL SHARE

Regarding the latter, it is obvious from the British attack on the German fleet, the activities of the British air force in France and the almost

daily reconnaissance flights by the British air force over the interior of Germany that the British and French air forces are each doing their full share in mutually agreed spheres.

While it is true that a few British planes have been lost, many reconnaissance flights have been made.

This is a tribute to the skill and daring of the pilots and the superlative excellence of the machines and not to the rarity of the flights.—Reuter.



# INTERCEPTION OF NAZI BLOCKADE-RUNNERS BY THE NAVY: SCUTTling ORDER

London, To-day.

**THE EFFICIENCY** of the British naval patrols has again been demonstrated by the interception of the German ships Mecklenburg and Parana.

The vessels were spotted in spite of their using bad weather and the northern mists in an attempt to reach Norwegian territorial waters en route to Germany.

## ADMIRAL SCHEER IN PACIFIC?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Mr. Hector Bywater, the "Daily Telegraph" naval correspondent, suggests the possibility of the presence of the Admiral Scheer somewhere in the Pacific in view of the recent suspicious movements of German freighters there.

Last Thursday, he points out, the German steamer, Lasn, left Talcahuano, Chile, with a cargo of fuel and foodstuffs.

On Sunday, the German freighter Tacoma also left the same port. Finally two other German freighters slipped out of Nagasaki.

All these vessels, it is considered possible, followed secret instructions to proceed to a certain point in the Pacific with a view to meeting the Admiral Scheer. — Havas.

## ROYAL NAVY CHECKS U-BOATS

London, To-day.

Up to November 4, 54 British ships of roughly 238,000 tons, seven Allied ships of about 48,000 tons and 33 neutral ships of approximately 94,700 tons have been destroyed by U-boat action.

Greatest losses to British shipping occurred at the beginning of the war, but although further losses must be expected the average loss is steadily decreasing.

There is every reason for satisfaction regarding the anti-submarine campaign, as is shown by a comparison with the figures of losses occasioned in the last war by the German unrestricted submarine warfare which started in February, 1917.

In that month 114 British ships, representing 280,000 tons, were lost, in March 146 of 287,000 tons and in April, when sinking reached the peak, 450 British, Allied or neutral ships of 852,000 tons were destroyed by U-boats.

In May, 1917, the convoy system was started and from then until the war's end 99.08 per cent. of 16,698 ships which sailed in convoy reached port. — British Wireless.

When stopped, the Mecklenburg was disguised as the Dutch ship Hoogkerk.

Both the German ships had been sheltering in South American ports, and both scuttled themselves to avoid capture.

German merchantmen leaving neutral shelter are prepared to suffer total loss rather than continue to pay harbour dues, owing to the seriousness of the German lack of foreign currency. They are using all manner of ruses in the attempt to slip through the British naval patrols. Some of them succeed.

Even those that succeed are useless to Germany owing to the British domination of all seas except the Baltic. — Reuter.

## TIENTSIN GARRISON

Shanghai, To-day.

A spokesman of the British Embassy told the press yesterday that 600 British troops will be withdrawn from Tientsin, leaving 400 to protect British interests. The Shanghai garrison will not be affected. — Our Own Correspondent.

## SUN FO DISCUSSES CHINA PROBLEMS WITH M.P.S

London, To-day.

**DR. SUN FO**, China's special envoy to Europe, gave an interesting address to the China Committee of the House of Commons last evening. Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne presided.

Members listened keenly and asked many questions both regarding China and Russia. Dr. Sun Fo returns to Paris on Friday.

During his stay at the Chinese Embassy in London, the Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, has given a series of luncheon parties at the Embassy at which Dr. Sun Fo has met representative groups of Conservative, Liberal and Labour M.P.'s and leading journalists.

On Monday, Dr. Sun Fo had a long conversation with Mr. Winston Churchill, from which Dr. Sun Fo tells Reuter he brought away a very satisfactory impression of the British Government's attitude to China.

Dr. Sun Fo also spent considerable time with Sir Alexander Cadogan, former British Ambassador to China and now in the Foreign Office.

## CHINESE PLEASED

Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, Chief Economic Adviser to the Government, is giving a luncheon on Thursday in order to introduce Dr. Sun Fo to Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade.

Chinese circles in London are much pleased with the results of Dr. Sun Fo's visit, which they are convinced has had an especially good effect at a time when they believe Japanese propaganda to be extremely active. — Reuter.

## INCREASE IN ARMY FAMILY GRANTS

London, To-day.

The Secretary for War, Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, explained in the House of Commons yesterday the increases in the allowances for families of men serving in the Army, Navy and Air Force.

In the case of a household with eight children there would be paid in respect of a soldier on the lowest rate of pay the following:

Wife 17/- plus 7/- in respect of herself, 5/- for the first child, 4/- for the second child, 3/- each for the remaining six children, giving a total of 51/-.

In the event of special circumstances, like high rent, claims may be met to an extent of a further 2/- a week.

On the present army alone the existing annual expenditure of £10,000,000 on children's allowances will be increased by £2,000,000, and the latter increase is expected later to be doubled. — Reuter.

## TIENTSIN BLOCKADE RACKET

Peiping, To-day.

Travellers state that the Japanese have tightened the restrictions at the barriers round the British Concession in Tientsin. The blockade, which has lasted five months, has developed into a "racket."

Reliable sources report that prices for a quick passage vary from a few cents for coolies to £8 for trucks laden with merchandise. — Reuter.

## NO ROMANCE AT WAR OFFICE

London, To-day.

The name of Miss Joan Richardson, who was refused permission by the War Office to fly to Singapore to marry Lt. D. E. D. Morris, was again mentioned in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Hore-Belisha, the War Secretary, replying to a question, declared it was undesirable in present circumstances for any military families to proceed to Mediterranean or Far East stations in addition to those there before the outbreak of war.

In a supplementary, the questioner declared that on the same date, on the same conditions, and for the same purpose, another lady was granted an application to go to Calcutta.

Mr. Hore-Belisha was unable to give an explanation of the apparent anomaly. — Reuter.

## MESSAGE "SHOPS"

Two Chinese women and a man were brought before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning, when they were charged with keeping message establishments without a licence from the Commissioner of Police.

The accused were Wong Fan, 28, spinster, Leung Wai, 30, married woman, and Tso Kwok-hing, 30 unemployed.

Defendants were fined \$10 each.

Chung Shu-ting, 30, unemployed, who pleaded not guilty when charged with a similar offence, was remanded till to-morrow.

Defendant was allowed bail of \$70. Sub Inspector J. Orem is in charge of the case.

## RED ARMY MOVES INTO LITHUANIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Kaunas, To-day.

The first Soviet troops, which, under the treaty of October 10 will be stationed at certain points in Lithuania, crossed the frontier yesterday. — Havas.

## UNUSUAL CEREMONY

Ottawa, To-day.

A ceremony without precedence took place in Ottawa yesterday when Mr. Fairbairn, the Australian delegate to the Empire air talks, was sworn in as an Australian Federal Minister by the Governor-General of Canada, Lord Tweedsmuir. — Reuter.

Whilst walking in Hill Road at 9.50 a.m. yesterday, Mrs. H. C. Ku had a wrist watch snatched. The snatcher escaped.

## HITLER POLITELY REFUSES

London, To-day.

**THE GERMAN REPLY** to the Hague peace appeal was handed to the Dutch and Belgian Ministers in Berlin yesterday afternoon.

The text has not yet been officially disclosed, but the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Aftonbladet" states that Hitler politely declines the proffered mediation. — Reuter.





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## MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

### RUSSIAN MANOEUVRING

It is to be hoped that the optimistic feeling reported from Helsingfors, regarding the possibility of a peaceful issue resulting from the Finnish-Soviet parleys at Moscow, will be justified in the event, and that Finland will be able to escape from hostilities without making sacrifices inconsistent with her national honour. From all that has happened up to the present it is clear that Finland has met the Russian demands with a readiness which does it infinite credit. It has made concessions consistent with its national dignity, and while it was thought that the rejection of one-third of Russia's demands might lead to an outbreak of war, it is thought possible that that fatal outcome will still be averted. M. Molotov refrained from mentioning Finland in his speech on Monday, while the Soviet Press is reported to have ceased their attacks upon that country. That may be only because of a desire not to press the Finns too far, and so make a complete rejection of the outstanding points no more than a possibility. It is not expected, however, that Moscow will be satisfied with much less than the acceptance of her original demands, and though the situation at the moment appears to be favourable, the possibility of Finnish-Soviet relationships degenerating into the outbreak of another war cannot be disregarded. Indeed an amicable arrangement between the two countries need not necessarily be the forerunner of peace in that part of the world, for the fact is that the Soviet, and this probably in conjunction with Germany, has a very predatory eye fixed upon the riches of Norway and Sweden, and the question which is agitating the minds of the statesmen of those two countries is whether they in their turn will not be subjected to pressure similar to that which is being put on Finland. The lot of the neutral in this struggle is likely to become increasingly hard, so hard that they may be forced militarily to defend their own interests, for the same hideous game of power politics is being played, and both Norway and Sweden are not countries to relinquish their traditional independence and neutrality without a severe struggle.—"N.C.D.N."

### DR. FUNK'S BLUFF

Dr. Funk, the Nazi Minister of Economics, has vigorously denied the reports that the British blockade is beginning to tell on the German industrial system. He claims that all the raw material which is now being effectively prevented from entering German ports will be obtained from elsewhere. Even if such a sweeping assertion is accepted at its face value, the statement means nothing. Dr. Funk may point out the immense advantage Germany now has, of having secured the economic support of Russia and of the Balkan States. He might argue that it was not so in 1918, when Germany's almost inevitable economic collapse forced the war to a conclusion before the infliction of a decisive military defeat. But behind the imposing facade of economic facts and sedulously fos-

tered propaganda, the fact is plain that Germany at the very outset of the war is beginning to feel the economic pinch. In 1914 the country enjoyed the profits of peace right up to zero hour. But to-day the immense Nazi rearmament programme has kept her in a state of economic siege for years before the first shot was fired. She has been progressively impoverished by State levies on industrial undertakings and only the financial jugglery of Dr. Schacht kept up the tottering economic structure. The goods may be there for Germany to buy. But without money or its equivalent in goods Germany will experience the pangs of a Tantalus torment.—"Ceylon Observer."

### ALL IN

The negotiations in Moscow are not only a problem for Finland but for the whole of the North, of which Finland is an indivisible part. The problem is the more serious because the Moscow conversations are but a part of a far greater process which represents a very great danger to the North and the whole of Europe.

If the Soviet makes demands on Finland which are unacceptable the latter will not be able to expect assistance from the Great Powers. Germany, which helped Finland against Bolshevism in 1918, now regards the task of "Europe's guardian against the Asiatic pest" from another angle. Britain does not wish to provoke the still neutral Russia to enter fully on the side of Germany, and the United States are a long way off.—"National Tidende," Copenhagen.

### A STAR TO STEER HIM BY

Townfolk in Britain continue to report that the complete darkness of their streets after nightfall has brought at least one compensation. It enables them to see the stars properly; and few people would deny that, from the aesthetic point of view, there is a gain when the city is loosed from the bands of neon and allowed to adopt those of Orion.

Yet there are times when this point of view is not likely to be uppermost in the mind of a citizen who is forced to

### HALLER—BY G. B. S.

An idolised One Man autocracy is never a reality, because the idolised One cannot be everywhere, and must therefore delegate his autocracy to a host of nobodies whom he is obliged to support no matter what atrocities the worst of them may commit. Another is that the One Man may, as in the special case of Herr Hitler, suffer from the well-known Jewish complex of belonging to a Chosen Race which must hew all other races to pieces before the Lord in Gilgal; and this, as Mr. H. G. Wells contends, disqualifies him on the ground of lunacy.—G. Bernard Shaw.

adventure as a gentleman of the shade —when, for example, he loses his way. Although some light is permitted him, and the carefully shaded electric torch, the illuminated button, and even the tail light, enable his fellow pedestrians to avoid him, they hardly help him to lay a course for his destination. Perhaps that is the moment for him to take a more practical interest in the stars: under "the sweet influences of Pleiades," or by keeping Jupiter on the port bow, he could, one imagines, stick to his general direction. However, a cloudy night would leave him a star-crossed mover; and perhaps it would be better if the authorities could be persuaded to try a little luminous paint on the names of the streets.—"Christian Science Monitor."

### STRONG REACTION

The "Svenska Dagbladet" writes:

In the event of Russia believing she can treat Finland like other Baltic States it will arouse the strongest reaction not only in Scandinavia but also in the whole civilised world, and not the least in the United States.—"Svenska Dagbladet," Stockholm.





H.M. The King the other day made a tour of air stations in North England during which he decorated five R.A.F. men for gallantry. He met the men who rescued crew of torpedoed merchant ship; he met those who made a successful raid on enemy naval forces; others who made daring flights over Germany. Photo shows—Left to right—Flying Officer McPherson, Flying Officer Thurston M. W. Smith, Flying Officer Doran, Flying Officer John Barrett and Sergt. W. E. Willis, wearing their decorations presented by the King. The four officers received the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Sergeant the Distinguished Flying Medal. (By Air Mail. Copyright).

## RELAXATION OF TENSION IN THE LOW COUNTRIES

### NORWEGIAN SHIP SUNK

London, To-day.  
A 13,000-ton Norwegian ship has been sunk by a U-boat. Twenty-three of the crew were landed at a north British port yesterday, while another 17 are missing in the second ship's boat. —Reuter.

### ANOTHER VICTIM OF DEAL MINE

London, To-day.  
The British steamer Matra, 8,000 tons, sank as a result of an explosion near the same spot where the destroyer was lost.

Late yesterday, she could still be seen from the shore, her stern well down, and with tugs standing by. The lifeboat which took off the survivors made three trips to the ship.

These two losses are more than recompensed by the sinking of two German steamers of 8,000 and 8,000 tons respectively. —Reuter.

### U.S. DEFENCE COSTS

Washington, To-day.  
President Roosevelt has transmitted to Mr. Taylor, chairman of the House of Representatives appropriation committee, a request for \$271,000,000 to finance the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coastguard and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This has been done in accordance with the President's declaration of a state of limited national emergency. —Reuter.

A Chinese report from Shihing, claims that three Japanese transports, loaded with troops and military supplies, were sunk when they struck Chinese floating mines near Bocca Tigris on November 6.

Amsterdam, To-day.  
WITH CALM RESTORED, the newspapers have begun to criticise the Government's handling of the situation last week-end.

The "Telegraaf" says the uneasiness was exclusively the result of the faulty judgment formed by the Government, which took measures calculated to disquiet the calmest man in the land.

The endless rumours and unexplained military measures, says the journal, scared the population out of its wits.

People were afraid to go to bed. Many fled westwards, and people hurried about their business white-faced and distracted. The Government takes the line that it could not have acted differently, and that those not acquainted with the full facts are not entitled to judge. —Reuter.

#### NO CHANGE IN GERMAN CONCENTRATIONS

Paris, To-day.  
Aerial observation has not revealed any change in the German concentrations along the Belgian and Dutch frontiers. There is no rail or road activity either.

The assurances from Germany were repeated by the German News Bureau yesterday, when it stated that Germany will respect the neutrality of these two countries so long as Britain and France do and so long as the two countries can maintain their neutrality in all strictness. —Reuter.

#### BELGIUM SEES NO PERIL IN CONCENTRATIONS

Brussels, To-day.  
No menace is seen in the latest distribution of the German Army. The economic talks are proceeding satisfactorily, it is announced. —Reuter.

#### FOUR FACTORS

Paris, To-day.  
There is an impression in political circles that the tension in the Belgo-Dutch situation vis-a-vis Germany has slackened.

A similar impression pervades the Italian press, which gives four reasons.

#### GREAT PATROL ACTIVITY

Paris, To-day.  
Last night's French war communiqué reported great patrol activity, particularly east of the Saar. —Reuter.

## HITLER'S ADVISERS DIFFER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.  
It is reported from Berlin that the fate of the Netherlands hinges on the outcome of a battle at present being fought between Field Marshal Goering, who favours moderation, and Herr von Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, who favours strong action regardless of the consequences.

Herr Hitler's decision is impossible to forecast since he often reaches a conclusion regardless of his adviser's opinion.

The Netherlands Government has prohibited the use of several streams and canals, including the Maas Waal Canal and the Juliana and Wilhelmina Canals.

Meanwhile, German quarters in Amsterdam insist that the Reich's pacific intentions can be seen from the intention to extend the Siegfried Line along the Belgo-Holland frontier. —Havas.

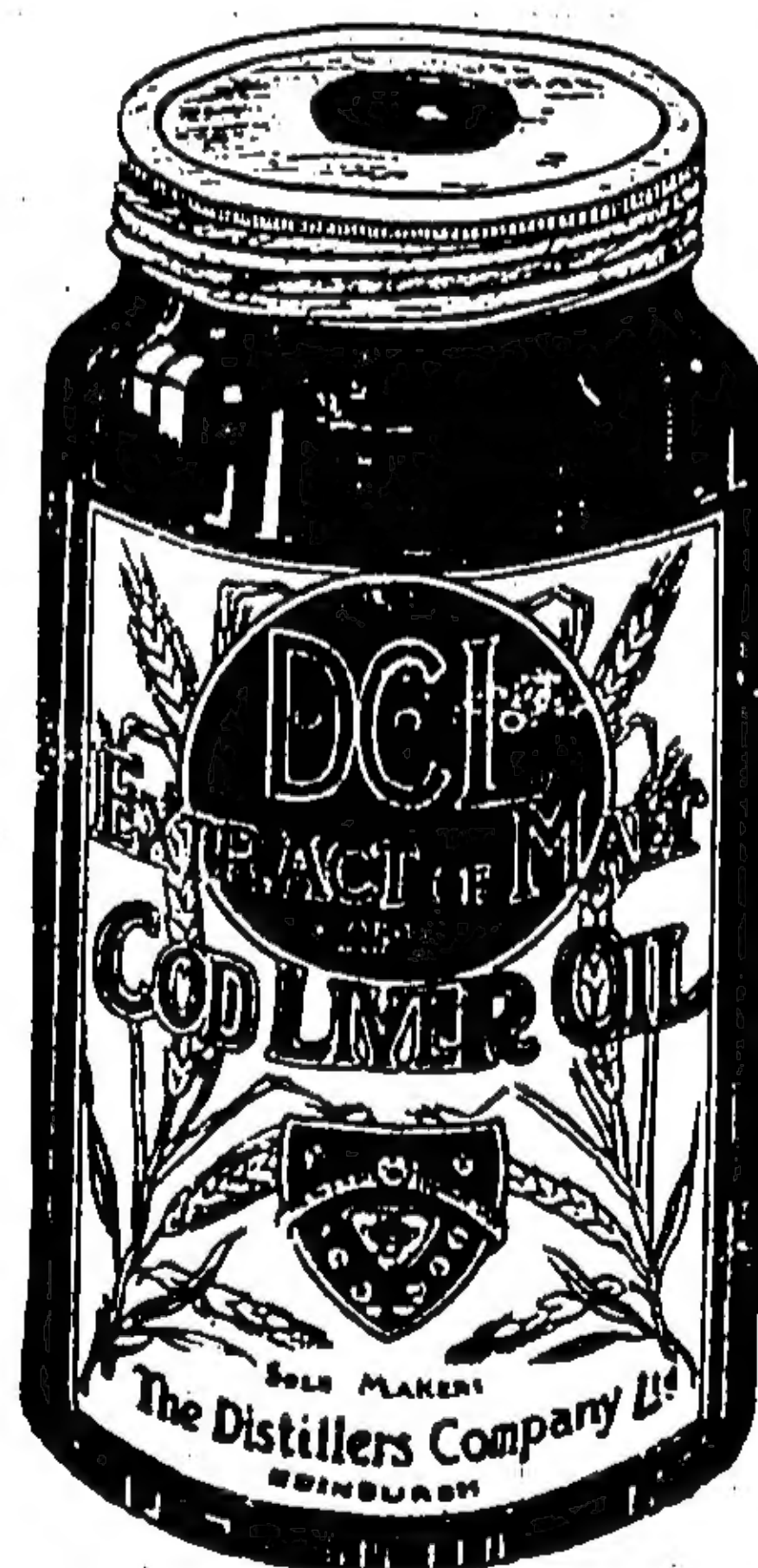
## BRITISH MISSION IN MADRID

London, To-day.  
A British trade mission arrives in Madrid to-day for the purpose of negotiating an Anglo-Spanish trade and payments agreement.

This step has been taken owing to the serious effects which the Civil War had upon Anglo-Spanish trade. —British Wireless.

### GERMAN STEAMER RUNS INTO ICELAND

London, To-day.  
A German steamer, which was trying to run the British blockade with a full cargo, has taken refuge on the south coast of Iceland. —Reuter.



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### CONTRABAND CONTROL

## FULL BELLIGERENT RIGHTS WILL BE EXERCISED

London, To-day.

**IN THIS WAR Britain must exercise to the full its recognised belligerent rights.**

The British Government has, however, pledged itself to seek to do so with as little inconvenience as possible to neutrals' rights which it is intended to respect.

It is with reconciliation in practice of those two guiding principles that the negotiations which are proceeding between the British Government and various neutral governments are concerned.

Furthermore the British Contraband Committee—it was again emphasised authoritatively yesterday—is doing its utmost to see that the contraband control functions with the maximum of efficiency which at same time ensures minimum of inconvenience to neutral shipping.

There is no sign of a disposition in any neutral country to dispute or evade the belligerent right of visit and search, than which no belligerent right is better established in international law.

#### RIGHT OF EXAMINATION

This right of examining the cargo of neutral ships to make certain that they contain nothing of a contraband nature destined directly or ultimately for the enemy has been so fully conceded through history that international law gives it additional authority by allowing to a belligerent the use of force to compel neutral ships to submit to visit and search.

While the principle remains to-day the same as that applied in the Napoleonic wars, the changing conditions of ocean transport have necessitated deviations from and development of the earlier practice.

#### INEVITABLE

The size of modern ships and their cargoes has rendered impossible examination at sea, and it has become inevitable that neutral ships should be required to visit voluntary control bases for the purpose of search.

For the same reason—the size and complexity of modern cargoes—examination necessarily involves greater delays than in former times, but the system of contraband control instituted by the British government in the last war and renewed in the present conflict is designed to enable the authorities, with the co-operation of neutral shipowners, to reduce unavoidable delay to the very minimum.

The British Contraband Committee have made several suggestions to shipping lines whereby delay may be reduced and have on every occasion met with complete co-operation.

#### CHIEF REQUEST

The chief is a request for the ship's manifest to be forwarded to the Contraband Committee before the arrival of the ship.

Again, neutral shipping lines have been invited to give an undertaking that if a ship is permitted to proceed to its destina-

tion the owners will agree to carry out the instructions of the Contraband Committee to hold any part of the cargo or return it for further examination and/or adjudication by prize court.

The number of lines coming into this agreement is increasing steadily.

Guarantees that cargo will not be transported to the enemy may be given by competent neutral authorities.

For example, all cereals imported by Belgium are guaranteed by the Belgian Government not to be re-exported to Germany.

Such arrangements obviously make for a great saving in time for neutral ships.—British Wireless.

## CRESSWELL SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

London, To-day.

The crew of the small British steamer Cresswell, sunk by U-boat shell-fire, were landed at Fleetwood yesterday afternoon. They were found clinging to a raft and the remains of their lifeboat.

They said that they knew nothing about the presence of the U-boat until shells started falling all around them. They had no time to launch their boat, which, indeed, was soon smashed by shells.—Reuter.

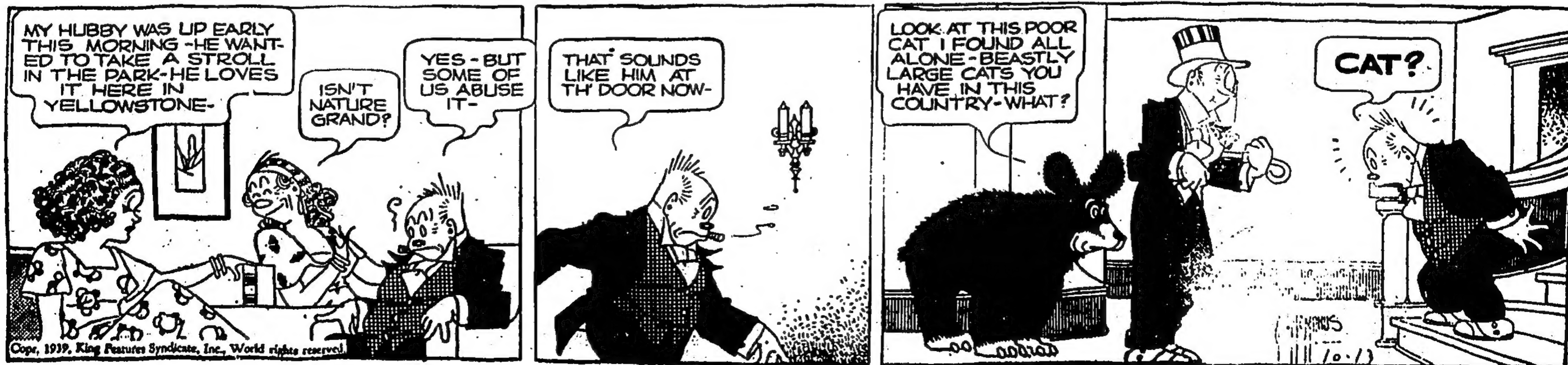
## NOBODY WANTS THEM

Shanghai, To-day.

Something of a sensation was caused here yesterday afternoon, when news leaked out that the Japanese military had requested the British military authorities not to release the 16 men alleged to be members of Wang Ching-wei's "Self Protection Association," who were detained whilst proceeding, fully armed, through the British Defence Sector last Friday.—Our Own Correspondent.

### Bringing Up Father

By George McManus





# A CHINESE ON THE INCOME TAX CONTROVERSY

Sir,—It is my great pleasure to support unhesitatingly the most brilliant speech made by the Hon. Financial Secretary at the meeting of the Legislative Council on Thursday last. Like many others who have given expression of their views through the columns of your paper during the past few weeks, may I make a few remarks on the imposition of Income Tax in Hong Kong?

## DISCLOSURE OF SECRETS.

It has been said that, if Income Tax is introduced, the disclosure of business and individual secrets would seriously jeopardize the future business of taxpayers because the majority of Chinese merchants do not like others to know of their private business affairs. This is no doubt the usual psychology of most business men not only in Hong Kong but in other countries also because, if the business affairs of one firm are known to others, very serious competition would ensue. But what I fail to understand is how the imposition of Income Tax would or could disclose the business affairs of one firm to the knowledge and advantage of others since all information concerning each taxpayer is accessible only to the taxation officials in charge. It would be true if the contention were based on the assumption that taxation officials are gossippers and therefore they would tell one taxpayer what tax is paid by another. That is the only possible assumption on which the contention is based but it does not justify the argument that Income Tax should not be imposed.

## INNER AND OUTER COUNTERS

As one who went through the various speeches made at the Council debate carefully, I fail to appreciate the actual meaning involved in the statement made by one of the Hon. Unofficial members that an official invasion of the inner counter means to a Chinese business man a great deal more than the disclosure of his business secrets. I cannot see what secret exists in the inner counter of a business; at least there is none in my business. The inner counter is equivalent to the chief cashier who keeps the firm's total receipts and payments while the outer counter is a sub-cashier who takes charge of daily cash sales only. This traditional procedure has no other essential difference than that of other countries. Personally, I have no secret about my own inner counter. Since my accounts are written up to date, my cash is not missing and everything is in perfect order. If sales tax is imposed in lieu of Income Tax, there is no doubt that the sales records of businesses will be inspected and this would then be an official invasion of the outer counter instead of the inner counter affecting, in my opinion, the psychological minds of the people just as much as the invasion of the inner counter insofar as Income Tax is concerned.

## CHINESE ACCOUNTS.

Objections were raised on the ground that if Income Tax is introduced, great difficulty will be experienced by the Chinese in incurring further costs for keeping proper accounts and, because of the mysterious methods of Chinese accounting, considerable difficulty will be experienced by the Government in its administration. Although there is some elementary truth in this contention, I would say that there is nothing peculiar about Chinese books. In fact, I learned English bookkeeping for a few months and I found that Chinese books contain just as much information as those kept under the double-entry system, the only difference being that the latter is kept on a purely cash basis while the former deals with accounts receivable and payable in addition to cash transactions. Chinese bookkeeping may be said unsystematic but not mysterious and, besides, there is an increasing number of schools in Hong Kong coaching Chinese in new methods of bookkeeping through the medium of Chinese. In Manila, all accounts of

Chinese merchants must be kept in English, but in Hong Kong, the Financial Secretary intimated in his speech that no such intention ever existed among official minds as to the compulsory keeping of accounts in English.

## POSSIBILITY OF EVASION

The possibility of evasion was also referred to and to this the Financial Secretary gave a very able answer, pointing out that, although more methods of evasion may be invented, more methods of detection will be developed. In every system of taxation, direct or indirect, evasion is inevitable but, even then, it affects only the probable yield and it is unreasonable to say that, because there is the possibility of evasion, Income Tax cannot be introduced. Even if alternative forms of taxation are adopted, none, I believe, can safely claim that evasion could be made impossible.

## MOVEMENT OF CAPITAL

It has been said that the introduction of Income Tax would frighten capital away from the Colony. The truth of this argument can only be accepted subject to certain important qualifications. From an economical point of view, the tendency in the supply of capital is not caused by the mere imposition of Income Tax but is principally caused by too high a rate. Moreover, since tax is charged on income only and not on capital levy, it is difficult to see how the imposition of tax on income would tend to remove capital from the Colony. In Manila, where there is Income Tax and in French-Indo-China, where there is a very high business and personal tax, how much capital from these two places was removed to Hong Kong during the time when taxes were introduced there? I therefore believe that capital can only be driven away and accumulation of capital can only be discouraged when the rate of Income Tax is too high but not by the mere imposition of Income Tax itself.

## ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF TAXATION

If other alternatives are instituted, such as sales tax, increase of rates, increase of amusement tax etc., these are open to more serious objections than the imposition of Income Tax. A tax on sales would mean a rise in prices and the poor must be made to pay just as much as the rich. The demand for commodities will be reduced and the purchasing power of the people as a whole will decrease. An increase in rates on buildings means an increase of rent because incidence of such a tax would ultimately be shifted on the shoulders of tenants, rich and poor alike. No other form of taxation that could be more equitable than the imposition of Income Tax and, furthermore, one large tax is to be preferred to several small taxes, the collection of which involves much time and expense.

## INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATION

Many genuine and straight-forward views have already been expressed but, so far, no critic has denied that Income Tax is the fairest form of taxation. Their arguments have been (Continued on Page 14)

## DESTROYER SUNK

LONDON, TO-DAY.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A MONTH, THE BRITISH NAVY HAS LOST A SHIP THROUGH ENEMY ACTION. SHE IS A DESTROYER, WHOSE NAME HAS STILL NOT BEEN REVEALED, WHICH STRUCK A GERMAN MINE OFF DEAL.

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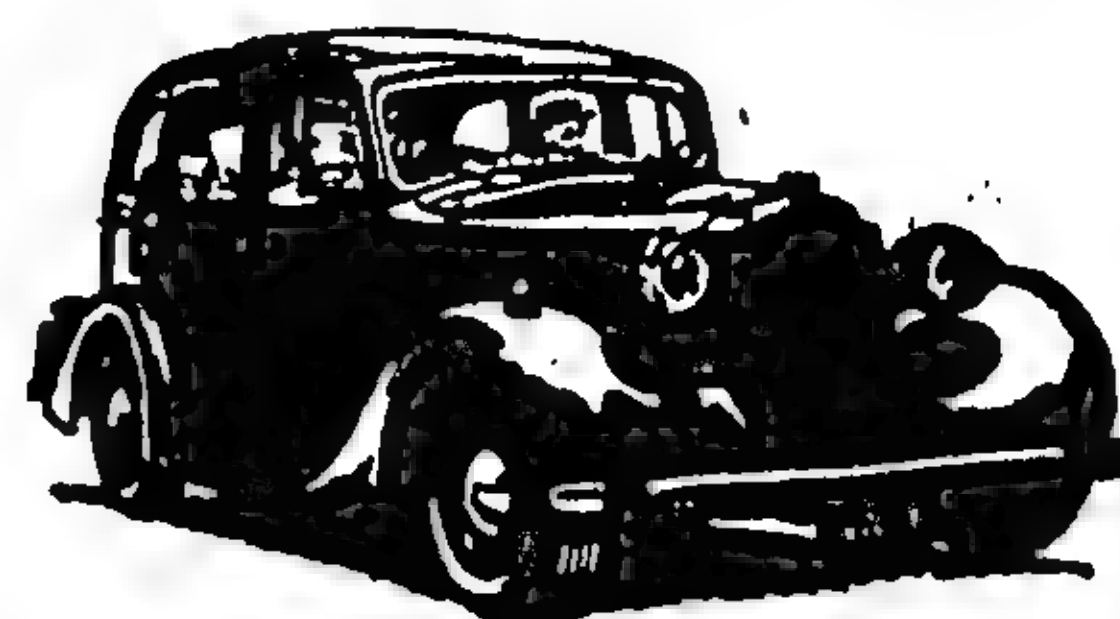
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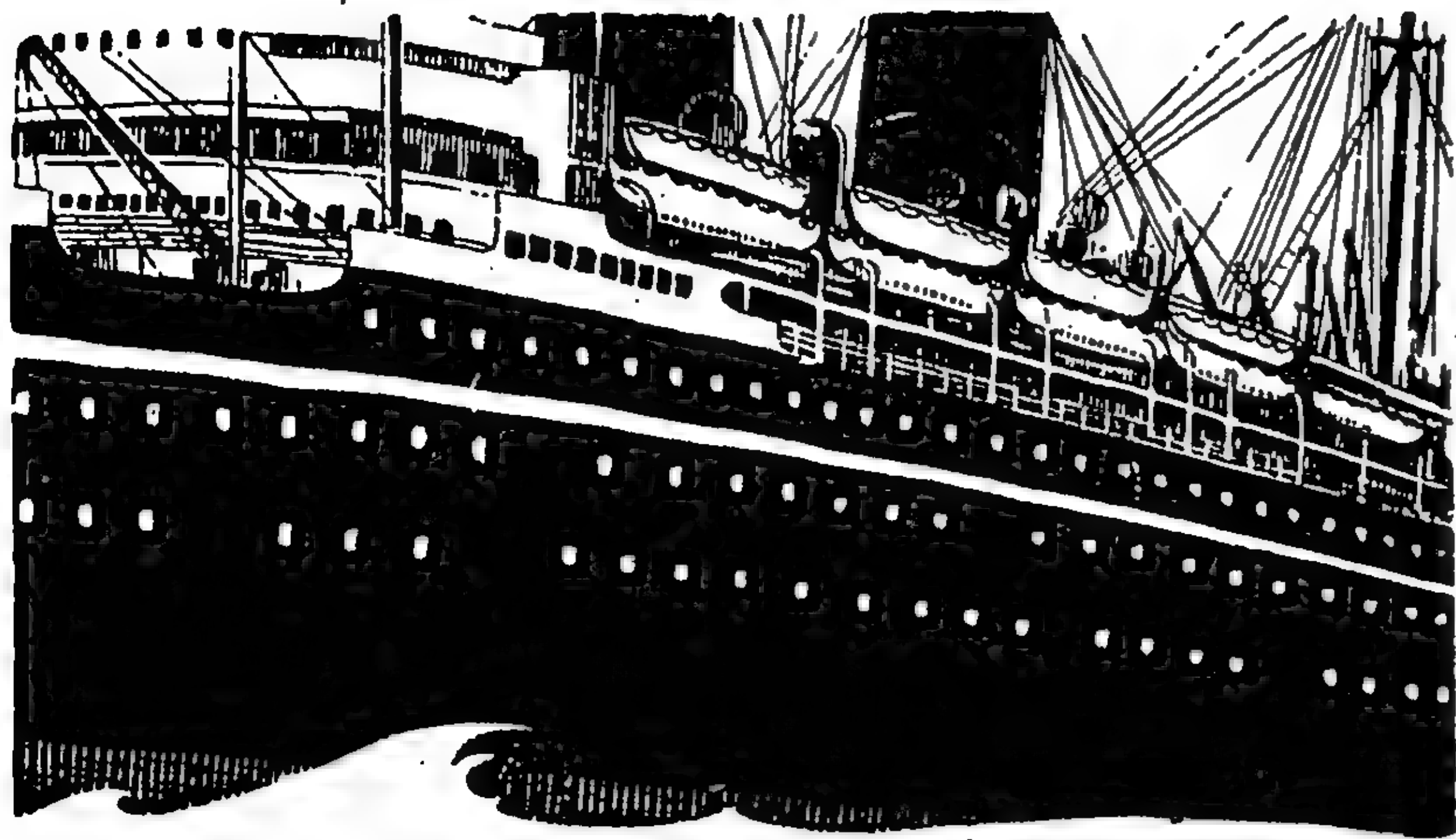
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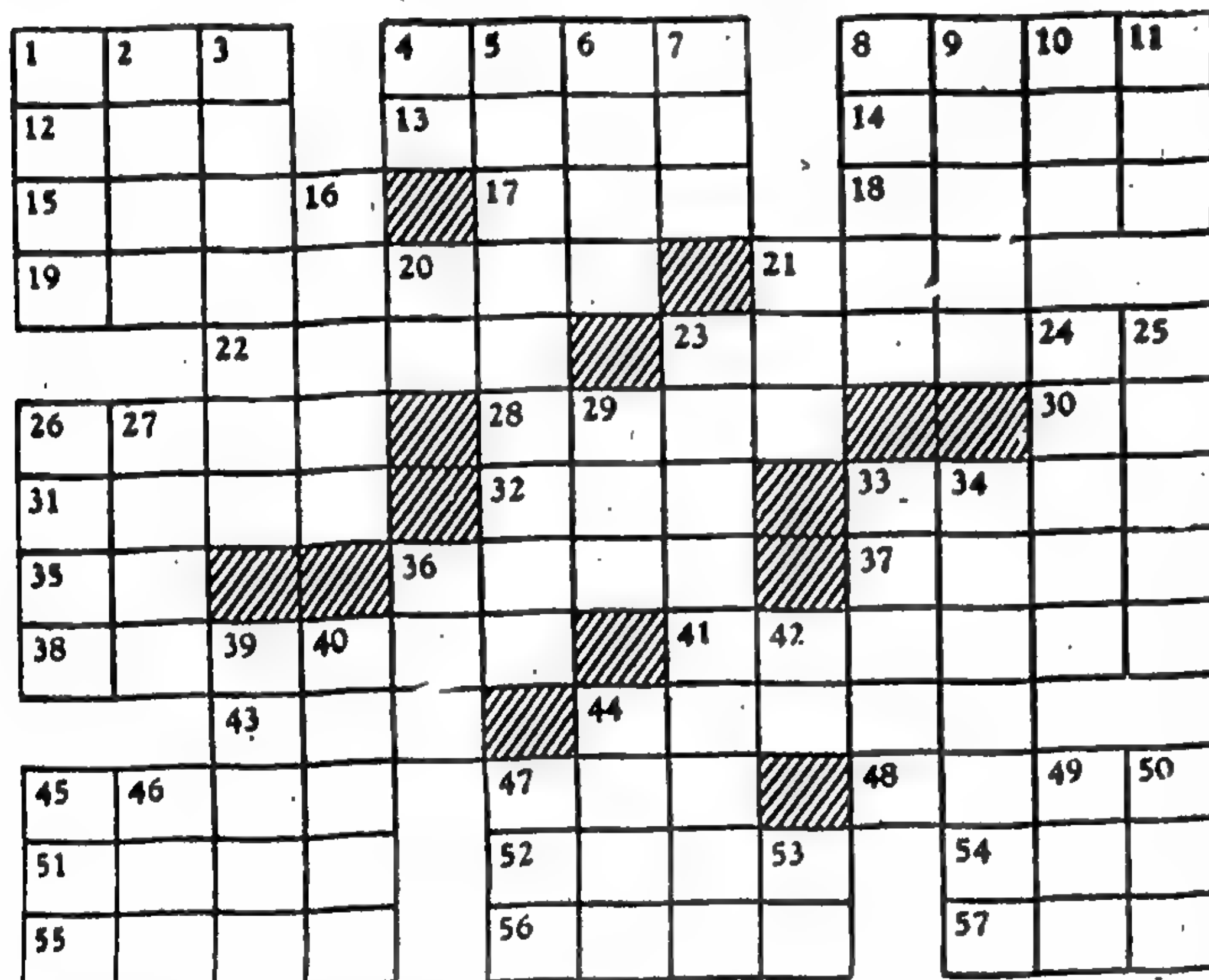
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- 19 Small dogs
- 21 Japanese sash
- 22 Epic poetry
- 23 Coarse woolen cloth
- 26 Embroidered border
- 28 Piquant
- 30 Hypothetical force
- 31 Gaelic
- 32 Freeze
- 33 Corn cake
- 35 While
- 36 Dillseed
- 37 Department in Algeria
- 38 Washing
- 41 Rotates
- 43 Finish
- 44 Spars

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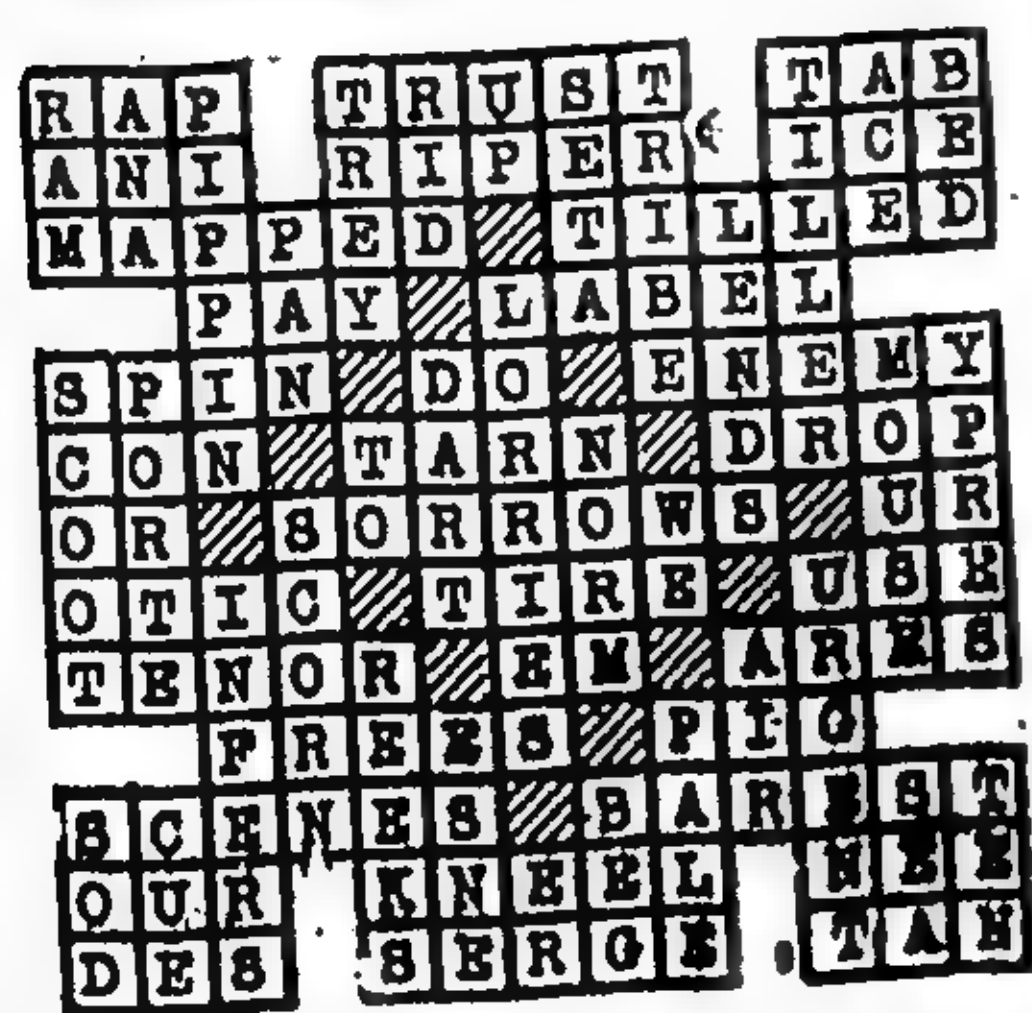
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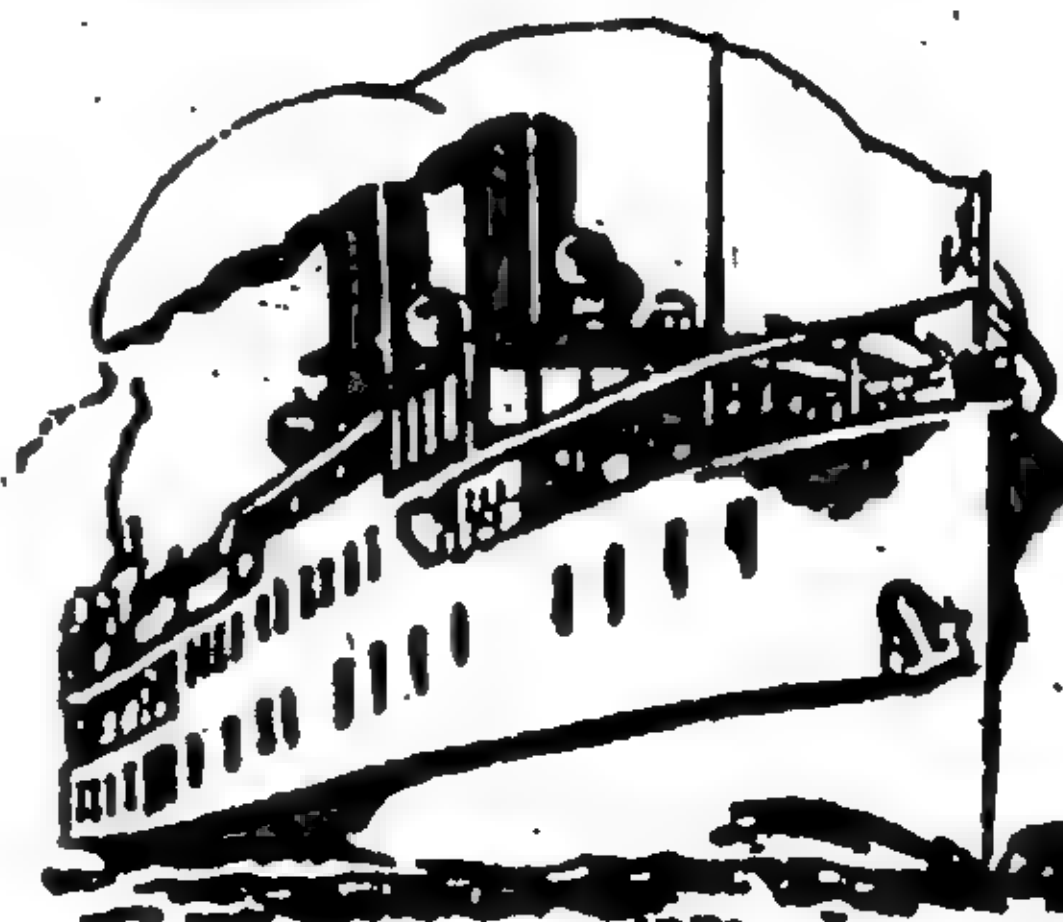
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London, To-day.  
Lord Nuffield's donation of £50,000 for comforts for our troops comes 24 hours after the Air Force Comforts Organisation had issued an appeal for £5,000 to enable them to accept the maker's offer for 1,000 sets for that figure.

Presumably therefore Lord Nuffield's gift will provide 3,000 radio sets for the western front. — Reuter.

Mrs. Goodban, of the Diocesan Boys' School, has reported the loss of a gold finger-ring between the School and the Star Ferry.

## RIFLE SHOOTING

### SEQUEIRA, CAREY AND GILLMAN PROMINENT

THIRTY-TWO MEMBERS attended the shoot held by the Hong Kong Rifle Association at Stonecutters on Saturday. Conditions were good except for failing light at 600 yards.

Capt. Sequeira of the Volunteers, and Sub. Lt. Carey, Naval Volunteers, tied in S.R. (b) with 95. Gillman (D.R.C.) using a S.R. (a) rifle registered 86 for the second time this season. Handicap spoons went to Trenouth and L/Cpl. Hawkins.

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S.R. (b) Class				
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Capt. F. P. Sequeira	(5) 33	34	29	95
L/Sgt. F. Martinale	31	31	32	94
J. G. Billes	(3) 32	31	31	94
Sgt. R. J. Heap (Scr.)	31	34	29	94
L/Cpl. A. D'Aquino	(3) 30	31	31	92
Sgt. G. E. Breese	(3) 26	33	31	90
W. Trenouth	(6) 31	30	29	90 H
H. J. S. Blake (Scr.)	31	29	28	88

S.R. (a) Class				
W. K. Gillman	(2) 30	29	27	86
C.S.M.F. Maslen	(3) 26	29	26	81
L/Spl. J. E. Hawkins	(10) 23	26	31	80 H
L/Sgt. W. R. Nunn	(4) 24	28	28	80
Lt. F. V. V. Ribeiro	(7) 23	24	27	74
Cpl. F. Cole	(5) 26	20	20	72

Winner of (H) will have his handicap reduced by a point.

## A CHINESE ON THE INCOME TAX CONTROVERSY

(Continued from Page 11)

confined mostly to criticising the difficulties of its administration. As for that, it must be pointed out that administration depends upon the framing of legislation and, like every other form of taxation, it is essentially a matter of compromise and, although one cannot expect that a system will satisfy all classes and individuals in the multitude of different circumstances, we can be assured that the Committee appointed by the Government would be competent enough to deal with all these difficulties.

In conclusion, I would say that the principle of Income Tax must be supported because it is the only fairest form of taxation charged according to the ability of each taxpayer and that such ability to pay is measured by the amount of his net income. It is based on the idea of justice and as the Financial Secretary said, where there is no income there will be no tax. What other fairer and more equitable methods can be introduced than a tax on the faculty of one's income? The wealthier classes have to pay more because they have the power to pay more than the poorer classes and this principle of equality is uncomparable with any other form of taxes.

### A POTENTIAL INCOME TAX PAYER.

## SOVIET TRADE WITH CHINA

Chungking, To-day.  
The Soviet Ambassador to China, M.A.S. Panouchkin, entertained Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan and concurrently Minister of Finance, at dinner at the Soviet Embassy last night.  
It is learned that the improvement of Sino-Soviet trade was discussed.—Central News.

## WOMAN SLASHED WITH RAZOR

Macao, To-day.  
Bleeding profusely from a throat wound a young Chinese woman was found early yesterday morning in the Wing Wah Hotel near the Macao-Chungshan border.

The woman's throat had apparently been slashed with a razor. The windpipe was severed and she was unable to talk. She was removed to hospital but is not expected to survive.

The police are endeavouring to locate a young man who accompanied the woman from Hong Kong to Macao. He registered at the same hotel but is now missing.—Our Own Correspondent.

## LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

Spot silver was quoted at 23-5/16 and forward at 23-5/16.

The London on New York cross rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.02 and New York on London at £—U.S.\$3.93-5/8.

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## TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

NO. 85—THE DEATH OF  
AMY ROBSART

BY VINCENT TOWNE

The Beautiful Amy Robsart is alive in the memory of every reader of Scott's "Kenilworth." But Scott failed to tell the true story of that fair lady who became the mystery of her generation.

To unite her prospective fortune with that of his son, Robert Dudley, the Duke of Northumberland married that youth to Amy in 1550, when he was 18 and she 19. Her father, a wealthy country gentleman, consented to the match because the Duke's son apparently fell deeply in love with his daughter. Being the youngest son of his father Dudley's prospects of power and position were then not very great, but he was a dashing, clever swain who was fair to look upon neither laggard in love nor dastard in war.

He began to use his fascinations upon Queen Elizabeth when he and Amy had been married nine years. The Queen bestowed upon him high honours and excellent opportunities for fortune, which he embraced. Indeed, at one time it was the subject of court gossip that she had selected him for her prince consort of the realm. But, in order to marry his Queen, Dudley would have had to dispose of his beautiful wife.

So, he neglected the beautiful country girl whose dowry had increased his opportunities of success. Instead of taking her to London to share his pleasure at court, Dudley left her at home in a rambling, shadowy, barn-like manor known as Cumnor Hall, which was about an hour's journey out of Oxford. In this ugly abode, Amy was guarded by one of her husband's dependents, Anthony Forster. With the companionship of only a few servants, her days were lonely and monotonous, while Dudley enjoyed all the excitement of court intrigue and adventure.

His visits to his neglected wife became fewer and fewer, and her letters proved how eagerly she looked forward to his coming, how wistfully she contemplated life after his departure. Although she was wealthy in her own name, these letters show that during the latter years of her life she was often in sore need of funds, for her lord and master was spending her fortune in gay London.

According to Scott's novel, Dudley secreted his wife at Cumnor Hall that he might conceal from Elizabeth the fact that he was married, but she escaped from her grim hiding place and followed him to "Kenilworth Castle", where he disowned her and sent her back to die at the hand of Richard Varney. But history states that Dudley, after becoming Elizabeth's chief favourite and while intriguing to obtain the consent of the court nobles to a marriage with the Queen, was suddenly freed from his wife by a mysterious occurrence which historians have never yet been able to fathom.

Ten years after her marriage, Thomas Blount, a relative and protege



AMY ROBSART AND HER HUSBAND

of Dudley, happened to be visiting Cumnor Hall while a fair was being held in the neighbouring town of Abingdon. Writing to Dudley of the events of that date Blount said:

"She (Lady Amy) would not, that day, suffer any one to tarry at home, and was so earnest to have them gone to the fair that when any made reason for tarrying at home she was very

angry."

Her wishes to be alone were respected, but her servants and attendants, upon returning from the fair found their mistress' corpse lying upon the floor at the foot of a spiral staircase in a position that would at once give evidence that she had fallen and broken her neck. Other accounts said that she was kill-

ed by a trap which, by order of her husband, Forster had set for her. One theory is that he had arranged the stairway so that her weight would collapse it.

But some investigators who visited Cumnor Hall found the stairway so short and so complicated in construction that it would have been well-nigh impossible for any one to fall down it for any distance. In fact, it was asserted that such a staircase could not have collapsed. One story had it that she was poisoned and that her body was laid at the foot of the stairway in such a position as would indicate a fall. But, if such stories were true, why should she of her own accord have insisted upon being left alone that particular day?

Some historians reject entirely the belief that Dudley had any hand in her death. At any rate, he did not show her the honour even of attending her funeral, which courtesy he probably would have shown her had he wished to cover up the criminal knowledge of her murder.

If he did have her killed, his purpose was clearly to free himself to marry the Queen, but this desire was never fulfilled. Although she had him created Earl of Leicester and at Kenilworth allowed him to entertain her with great magnificence, Elizabeth refused to share her throne with him.

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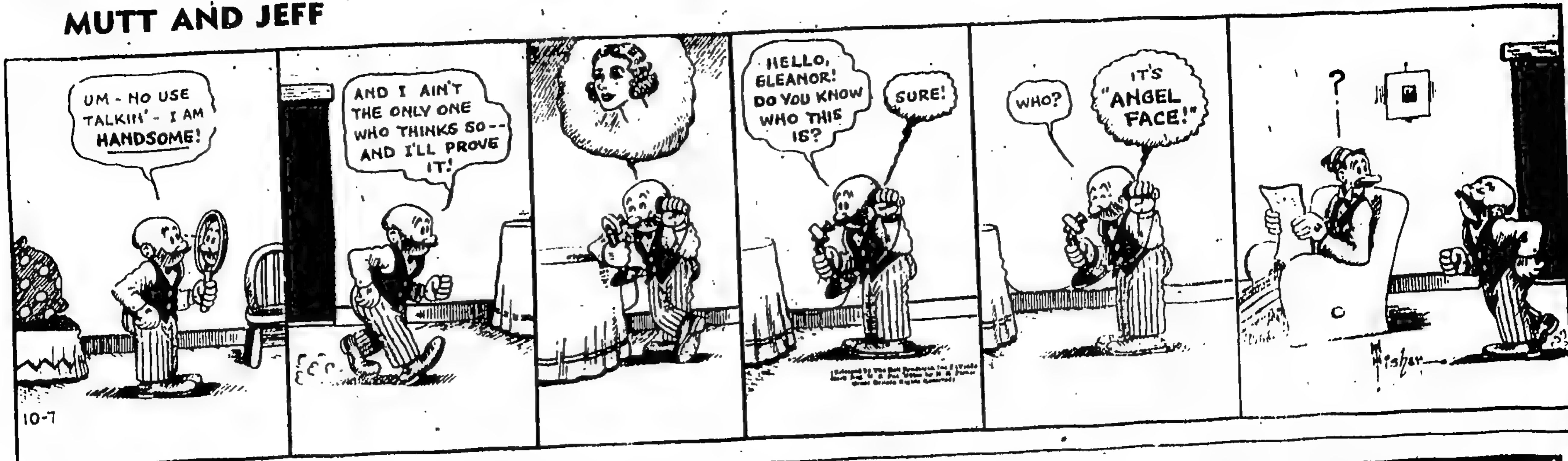
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## MUTT AND JEFF

Beethoven's  
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Concerto

6.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.  
7.00 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
7.02 p.m.—Variety with Valaida, Major and Minor, Elizabeth Welch, Turner Layton and Others.  
Vocal—Sing Before Breakfast (film 'Broadway Melody of 1936'); A Beautiful Lady in Blue... Turner Layton with Piano.  
Organ & Piano—The Bells of St. Mary's (Adams); Life's Great Sunset (Adams)... Robinson Cleaver & Patricia Rossborough

## To-day's Wireless

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with vocal refrain.  
Comedienne—The Girl I Knew (from 'Glamorous Night'—Novell); Far Away in Shanty Town (from 'Glamorous Night')... Elizabeth Welch with Orchestra.  
Hawaiian Guitar Duets—O Sole Mio (De Capua); Cielito Lindo (Ponce)... Ferera and Paaluhl.  
Vocal Duets—Tricky Little Tune

(McGill); A More Or Less Volga Boat Song (McGill)... Major & Minor.  
Trumpet—Until The Real Thing Comes Along (Cahn & Others); High Hat, Trumpet and Rhythm (Valaida)... Valaida (Queen of the Trumpet) with Swing Accompaniment.  
Piano—Gershwin Medley. Intro: Rhapsody in Blue; Lady be Good; That certain feeling; Looking for a boy; Wait a bit, Susie; I'll build a stairway to Paradise; The man I love; I got Rhythm... Renara.  
Vocal Duets—Waitin' At The Gate For Katy (film 'Bottoms Up!'); Arlene (Seymour & Pollack).  
Layton & Johnstone with Piano.  
Organ—Blaze Away—March (Holzmann)... Reginald Dixon.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Over The Garden Wall". A Sketch.  
8.18 p.m.—Studio—Recital by Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with Piano accompaniment by E. O'Neill Shaw.  
1. (a) Donna Non Vidi Mai ("Manon Lescaut"—Puccini); (b) Nel Verde Maggio ("Loreley"—Catalani).

Recorded Interlude  
2. (a) Perdutamente (Tosti); (b) La Mia Canzone (Tosti); (c) La Serenata (Tosti).  
3. (a) La Partida (Alvarez); (b) Granadina (Alvarez); (c) Ay, Ay, Ay (Freire).  
8.45 p.m.—Orchestral Music.  
Overture—"The Barber of Baghdad" (Cornelius)... The Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Dr. Leo Blech.  
Valse De Concert, Op. 47 (Glazounov)... San Francisco Symphony Orchestra conducted by Alfred Hertz.  
Pomp And Circumstance—March (No. 3 in C Minor—Elgar)... London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Edward Elgar.

9.05 p.m.—Studio—Comments on Recent Events.  
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"The Kitchen Comedy" A Play by James Brydie.  
9.50 p.m.—Beethoven—Concerto No. 5 in E Flat Major, Op. 73 ("Emperor") Denno Moiseiwitsch (Piano) and the London Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Georg Szell.

Orchestral  
Music:  
Variety

10.30 p.m.—Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano); Vedrai, Carino, Alleluia (Mozart); "Don Giovanni" (Mozart); Das Heimweh; Hin Und Wieder Fliegen Pfeile (Schubert); Liebe Schwarmt Auf Allen Wegen (Schubert).

10.40 p.m.—Compositions of Wagner. Song of The Rhine Daughters ("Götterdämmerung")... Sir Henry J. Wood conducting the New Queen's Hall Orchestra.  
Verachtet Mir Die Meister Nicht (Finale of Opera "Die Meister-singer"); Was Deutsch Und Echt (Finale of Opera "Die Meister-singer")... Friedrich Schorr (Baritone) and the Berlin State Opera Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—"Matters of Moment".  
11.15 p.m.—Close down.

STONECUTTERS HOCKEY  
WIN

An interesting 10-a-side hockey match was witnessed on the Marina Ground yesterday afternoon when Stonecutters overwhelmed 8th Heavy Regiment (Headquarters) winning decisively by three clear goals.

All the goals were scored during the first half through Nk. M. Singh, L/Nk. B. Singh and Gunner P. Singh.

Although at one period the winners were kept on the defensive, valuable work by L/Bdr. Giddins, left back, and Gunner Meehan, goalie, kept out the Heavy Regiment, who launched many determined attacks.

Both sides were even in attack but Stonecutters were superior in defence.

8th Heavy Regt.—L/Bdr. Devlin; Bdr. Osborne and L/Sgt. Shiran; Sgt. Barnsley, L/Bdr. Dunn and Sgt. Reakes; Gunner Burgess, Bdr. James, Bdr. Bennett and L/Bdr. Purdue.

Stonecutters—Gunner Meehan; Gunner Marsden and L/Bdr. Giddins; Gunner K. Singh, Nk. M. Singh and Sgt. Macinery; L/Nk. B. Singh, L/Bdr. Goodenough, Gunner P. Singh and Spr. Smith.

Two games in the preliminary round of the Junior Soccer Shield will be played on Tuesday at Sookunpoo. Signals will meet R.A.S.C. at 4.15 p.m. (referee, Glover) and 8th R.A. will play Royal Scots at 2.45 p.m. (Foster referee).

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## TWICE RESCUED

To-day's hand brings up the much discussed question of whether or not a player should bid when partner has doubled an opening suit bid and the other opponent has redoubled. We are of the opinion that this hand clearly gives the answer:

South, Dealer  
East-West vulnerable  
♠ A 10 9 8  
♥ 4  
♦ 5 4  
♣ A Q J 9 3 2  
♠ K Q 5 2  
♥ K J 6  
♦ A J 10  
♣ 10 7 4  
N  
W  
S  
♠ 4  
♥ 10 9 8 7  
♦ 5 3  
♣ 7 6 3 2  
♠ J 7 6 3  
♥ A Q 2  
♦ K Q 9 8  
♣ K 5

## The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Dbl.	Redbl.	1♥
Pass	1NT	Dbl.	2♥
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Dbl.	Redbl.	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West's double of South's opening diamond bid was sound although not overstrong, and North's redouble was fully justified. Now let's glance at East's worthless hand. East reasoned that if he passed, his partner would be sure to bid spades. Thus, solely to relieve him from an embarrassing situation, East quite properly doubled heart.

For some peculiar reason West decided that this bid showed some strength, North now bid one notrump. When North promptly doubled, East desperately rescued his partner for a second time. South, who decided he had been all right last time, He therefore bid two notrump, and his partner naturally raised him to game.

However, West was still not convinced that his partner's hand could be as bad as it was. He now doubled for business, whereupon North gleefully redoubled.

East was through. Being vulnerable, he didn't dare go to four hearts. Hence he passed and despairingly watched his opponents make three notrump redoubled with two overtricks. While West's bidding was quite stupid, we believe this hand clearly illustrates that a bid over a redouble simply indicates a five-card suit and probably extreme weakness.

You were Merwin Maier's partner yesterday and held:

♠ K Q J 10 x x  
♥ A 10 x x  
♦ x x  
♣ x

## The bidding:

Burnstone	Maier	Schenken	You
1♠	Pass	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is two spades. Responder has shown weakness and this bid, while not forcing, shows you have a very strong spade suit and good distribution.

Score 100% for two spades, 70% for one spade, 60% for double (you don't want a double left in), 0 for any other bid.

## QUESTION NO. 258

You are Howard Schenken's partner, neither side is vulnerable, and you hold:

♠ Q x x x  
♥ x  
♦ x x x x  
♣ Q x x x

## The bidding:

Burnstone	Schenken	Maier	You
1♥	1♠	2♥	(?)

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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# K.C.C.'s BRILLIANT WIN

## CIVIL SERVICE ARE QUITE CAPABLE OF WINNING THE SENIOR LEAGUE SHIELD

### Danbrowsky Blossoms Forth As A Bowler!

(By "ADREM")

**S**ATURDAY produced some interesting cricket the First Volunteer camp notwithstanding. Weather was ideal, a very hot sun tempered by a cool breeze making a sweater or a blazer most necessary once off the field and in the shade.

Most thrilling match was at Cox's Road where Kowloon Cricket Club seniors scored a win reminiscent of some of their games of about five years ago, when scores of well over the 200 mark were tackled and passed more often than not.

Those were the days when quick-footed batsmen, like W. Brace, E. C. Fincher, F. I. Zimmern, W. C. Hung and others, made run-stealing a fine art and K.C.C. the most attractive batting side in the Colony to watch. At Chater Road Civil Service emphasised their potentialities and now make no secret of the fact that they have in mind a nice reservation in their club bar where they are certain the Senior League pennant would look better than in any other location in the Colony!

I trust their optimism is justified. They have not had many decent seasons recently and success would, I feel sure, do their cricket a great deal of good.

#### FAMILY PARTY

T. E. Pearce gave a really good display on opening with son Alec and as John Pearce also did well all-round, this game, as far as Club was concerned, was something of a Pearce family party!

At the Valley, Craigengower batsmen came off nicely against Indian Recreation Club but their bowlers were unable to out A. H. Madar—truly a consistent bat—and the result was a draw.

I notice E. A. Lee turned out once again. I imagine it must be at least five years since he appeared on a cricket field and it is to be hoped that he keeps it up.

A product of Diocesan Boys' School, where he was one of the most reliable bats in a period where the School had a wealth of talent, Lee subsequently went to University where he was a regular member of the side all the time he was in residence.

A really attractive performer when set and possessed of a solid defence, Lee also bowls a fair slow ball which used to secure him quite a number of wickets.

I had heard a great deal of Capt. Grose; on Saturday I saw him in action for the first time. I must confess to disappointment. I understand that he found the wicket disconcertingly slow and he did bring off the finest stroke of the match—an off-drive that travelled through the covers like a bullet—but I still think he is not in the same class as, for instance, Alec Pearce.

He is, as reported, however, a first-class wicket-keeper, well up to international standard in this department alone. At one period, round about 4.45 on Saturday, I would have given very little for

K.C.C.'s chances of saving their match with Army, but would have wagered quite heavily on their losing outright.

#### WHY PRACTICE ?

That they did not lose was due almost entirely to Teddy Fincher and Tommy Madar. Fincher—this most amazing individual who rarely touches a bat in between Saturdays—went in when four K.C.C. wickets had fallen for only 26 and Army attack was right on top.

He never appeared to be in any difficulty and started to hook fiercely almost from the first over. Madar supported him well and when I left K.C.C. at about 5 p.m. these two appeared to have matters well in hand; but I still would not have conceded K.C.C. a chance of winning in the time available.

Fincher, however, went on to make 79 not out and Madar 41 and the necessary runs were hit off amid great excitement off the last ball of the last over. A great finish!

I was surprised that Godby gave Harvey so little to do. His opening spell of four overs included some of the most hostile bowling I have ever seen and he always looked like getting wickets. He was putting them down fairly fast and swinging away dangerously into slips. None of the early batsmen faced him with any confidence and he took the wicket of Anderson, when that batsman looked very comfortable, and dismissed Hung as well.

Denyer also bowled fairly well although his three wickets cost 67 runs.

#### DID THEIR STUFF

In the absence of R. Lee, N. D. Lloyd and B. D. Lay not very much was expected of the Kowloon attack. Anderson, Mills, Burch and Goodwin, however, did their stuff nobly and none of them were ever really collared.

Mills, who hitherto has done well in the second team, gave a very promising performance and thoroughly deserved his three wickets.

It appears to me, however, that he would be far more accurate if he did something about his run. At the moment he approaches the wicket in a jerky fashion, as if unsure of the distance, and there is an entire absence of rhythm.

Burch, a schoolboy, I think, also bowled well although he did not manage to get any wickets.

If Frank Goodwin's leg holds out—he now plays with it strapped up—K.C.C. prospects of winning the League will automatically go up about 25 per cent.

I was very surprised to see him playing on Saturday and even more surprised when he went on to bowl.

As far as I could see there is no appreciable depreciation in his form and, apart from the odd full-toss on the leg which he has always been prone to bowl, was hard after wickets all the time.

Most of Army's runs were scored by Capt. Godby and Logan. The former could not get them in the middle of his bat and, I am told, was so miserable about it all whilst at the wicket that he was almost praying for dismissal!

Logan looked very confident and defended when the occasion demanded very skillfully but I don't like his forward shots; there is little swing to them and he does not get far enough out. His drive is made mostly with the wrist and forearm.

#### BRILLIANT CATCH

Mention of Logan reminds me of his catch at cover to dismiss Broadbridge. The ball was hit fairly hard and appeared likely to clear Logan with ease. The latter, shot up an arm and held a quick chance high above his head.

The match between Craigengower and I.R.C. was very much an A. H. Madar affair. He took five wickets for 39 and then went on to make 38 in his own inimitable style.

I have already mentioned the return of E. A. Lee, whose bowling has been described as first-class. He bowled in the first wicket with some effect, and then played his first big innings of the season.

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I understand that an extremely late start and an unusually long tea-interval prevented any prospects of a definite result. The best part of three-quarters of an hour was wasted; another argument for League matches!

Had not two men been run out there is every possibility that Police would have beaten the Junior Champions, Kowloon Cricket Club, in their match at Happy Valley. As it was they scored 112 in reply to K.C.C.'s 141.

W. Mulcahy and F. J. Lay were featured in a big first-wicket partnership for K.C.C. Both batted beautifully but the latter, for some extraordinary reason, having passed 40, appeared to lose interest. He played several shockingly bad strokes and was clean-bowled when he attempted to cut a straight ball!

#### DANBROWSKY—THE BOWLER

I was surprised to hear about Danbrowsky's success as a bowler. Hitherto I have been inclined to treat his bowling as a bit of a joke! On Saturday he took no fewer than 7 wickets at a cost of 39 runs. I am told, however, that he was not really as devastating as these figures suggest! He bowled about one straight ball in an over, turning slightly from leg, and that ball usually took a wicket!

Having covered himself with glory in the bowling department, "Dan" evidently decided he might as well make a day of it and was well on the way to a big score when he was unfortunate enough to be run out.

Tommy Hunter, another stalwart with the bat, met the same fate and thereafter Police never had much of a chance. Carey played a typical knock and appears likely to get a lot of runs this season.

At Sookunpoo, Middlesex won a low-scoring match against Sappers, Ratcliffe, and Ship were the only double-figure scorers for the Engineers, whilst Weedon Hatfield and extras made most of the Middlesex runs.

As is to be expected, bowling figures were good. Hatfield took 5 for 24 for Middlesex and Bailey secured 5 for 19 for Sappers.

A great effort by Ramchand, who scored 28 out of the 35 added whilst he was at the wicket, almost gave Craigengower juniors victory over I.R.C. This batsman's enterprise, however, did not receive the reward it deserved and the Valley team just lost by 2 runs.

M. I. Razack again top-scored for I.R.C. I see promotion for this lad before very much longer—while A. M. Omar scored 30 for C.C.C.

#### FATHER AND SON

There were two schools' matches, in both of which the youngsters did very well.

## ARMY RUGBY

In the inter-unit Army Rugby League, Royal Engineers beat Middlesex by a try (3 points) at Sookunpoo yesterday.

During the game Blackman of Engineers sustained an injury to his leg and was carried off the field.

Engineers scored their try through Birrell in the first half, Pike failing to convert.

In a friendly game between Royal Scots and Kai Tak on the same ground, the former won by two tries and one penalty goal (9 points) to a try (3 points).

Royal Scots led at the interval by six points as a result of two tries by Duke, and in the second period Boe crossed over again for the Royals. Hewitt scored the try for Kai Tak.

In this game Garry, of Royal Scots, was injured and had to leave the field.

#### TO-DAY'S RUGBY

Navy "A", as yet unbeaten by Club "A", are introducing many newcomers for their game this evening at the Valley at 5 p.m. and though Club are not fielding a very formidable side a more even game is expected.

Navy "A"—Lieut. Bax (Scout); A. B. Bowden (Thracian); Stoker Lord (Scout); Stoker McCall (Scout); A. B. Pepper (Scout); Tel. Hall (M.T.B.); Lieut. Carter (Thracian); Ldg. Wtr. Barlow (Tamar); Cpl. Marron (Tamar); S. B. A. Davis (Tamar); A. B. Jeffrey (Thracian); A. B. Foster (Bideford); A. B. Longmuir (Thanet); P. O. Williams (M.T.B.'s); L. S. Wilkie (M.T.B.); Reserves—L. S. Catcheside (Bideford); Ord. Sea, Dixon (Thracian).

#### POLICE WITHOUT FAY

Police will meet Middlesex Regt. at Boundary Street this afternoon at 5 p.m. Fay will be an absentee as it is understood, he is playing in the Colony Mixed Doubles Tennis Championship.

C.B.S., although the consistent A. M. Odell did not come off, just failed to put Civil Service out after F. A. Weller, J. W. L. Clague and E. X. Hurley had helped to put together a score of 151; La Salle secured a convincing win over Recreio second XI.

A very proud man on Saturday must have been F. H. Carvalho, who had his son, with the same initials, playing against him! Both father and son batted early and bowled for their respective sides and I regret that I have no startling feats to record for either.

A nice gesture on the part of Recreio allowed an extra over in the dark which gave the school a chance to get the runs.

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## NAAFI HEAVILY DEFEAT SURREY REGT. TEAM

After sharing four goals at the interval, Naafi (Navy, Army and Air Force Institute) made several positional changes and defeated a detachment of the East Surrey Regiment by 6 to 3 in a friendly football match at Marina ground yesterday afternoon.

Naafi's team was all-Chinese with the exception of their left back, Delgado, who, after the interval, took the centre-forward position and registered the "hat-trick." Throughout the game he was the main-spring of the team.

Chan Kam, at inside right, opened the scoring for the winners, but shortly after, an equaliser was scored by Naafi's right-wing, Hibbert, who scored again to take the lead. Chan Kam equalised just before the interval.

After the interval, Delgado netted three quick goals registering his "hat-trick," for the Naafi, to whose score was added a further goal through Chan Kam. The Surrey's third goal was scored by Demmock, on the left wing.

The Chinese were far more tricky than the Surrey's and showed their superiority, especially in the second period, during which Delgado and Chan Kam combined nicely.

Outstanding players for the losers were Hibbert, right-wing, Demmock, left-wing, Cattemorola, centre-forward, and Jeffries, in the pivotal position.

Naafi were sound in all departments, except the wings, who were rather slow.

Naafi: Mak Yeung-fai, Leung Lai-yin and Leung Pak-hon; Cheung Kwai-fong, Lee Shui-kuen and Ng Wai-man; Leung Pak-wai, Chan Kam, D. E. Delgado, Wu Hui-ming and Chan Kwai-chung.

## OUR RACING FEATURE

"Rapiet's" discussion of racing prospect, commencing on Friday, will appear fortnightly on that day instead of Thursdays as hitherto. Reviews of each race meeting will appear on Wednesdays following the meetings.

Surrey's: Cpl. Trape; Pte. Lunny and Pte. Betts; Pte. Hardy, L/Cpl. Jeffries and Pte. Lyons; Pte. Hibbert, Pte. Young, Pte. Cattemorola, Pte. Oldman and L/Cpl. Demmock.

## "Y" LADIES TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

The following have been chosen to represent "Y" Ladies in their League hockey matches on Saturday:

Senior v C.B.A. (Away, 3 p.m.)  
Miss C. Minnot; Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Strange; Miss M. McCaw, Mrs. Starbuck and Miss Stoker; Mrs. O. Burnett, Miss B. Harker, Miss D. McCaw, Mrs. S. Gardner and Miss H. Bockler.

Juniors v C.B.A. (Home, at 3 p.m.)  
Mrs. Harrington; Mrs. Trimmer and Mrs. Grieve; Miss Dunne, Mrs. Ashman and Mrs. Macklin; Mrs. Bicknell, Miss Russell, Miss Bradbury, Miss Buchanan and Miss O. Pocock.

His Excellency the Governor will lead a team of lawn bowlers against Kowloon Football Club to-day, commencing at 3.30 p.m.

## WATER HAZARD

GRAPHIC GOLF



BY BEST BALL

A large or even a small body of water seems to have a decided attraction for golfers. Apparently too, water has a magnetic quality as far as golf balls go. One needs only to witness or experience a few shots of this kind, to realize that the mental portion of golf plays a considerable part too. For example, the uncertain golfer is always under a terrific pressure to lift his head when he faces an

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## SPORTS PARADE

HONG Kong Ladies' Hockey Association are to be congratulated on the manner in which they conducted the inquiry on Monday into the recent incident which resulted in the abandonment of the friendly game between Diocesan Girls' School and Club de Recreio.

It was in every respect an unfortunate affair and called for a great deal of tact in handling.

In conversation with one of the star performers at the inquiry—she was one of the people called up for questioning—I formed the impression that she was in every way satisfied with the procedure and considered the action taken extremely fair to all parties.

This was by no means just a cursory examination of facts. I am told this item on the agenda occupied the best part of an hour. All aggrieved parties were allowed to have their say and, I gather, cross-examination was allowed.

LIKE the Association's ruling very much. They were called upon to deal with a team of schoolgirls and, while taking into account the fact that they were schoolgirls and imbued with the impetuosity usually attributed to youth, they managed to indicate their disapproval without being too drastic. In fact, they are treating them as naughty children who will, in future, be required to play under the watchful eye of an adult!

MR. Gonsalves, the unfortunate umpire in the match, has been put to a great deal of trouble and inconvenience; he has been required to give evidence at two meetings and has had to frame reports besides replying to what he felt was uncalled for remarks in this column! I can assure Mr. Gonsalves now that everything is settled, that anything that has appeared in this column has been prompted by the best of intentions and I can now state that I sympathised with him not a little in being involved in a matter of this kind.

Now that all has been settled and no bones broken, so to speak, I trust that there will be no ill-feeling anywhere and the remainder of the season will pass off smoothly.

## K.B.G.C. CLOSING DAY

Members of Kowloon Bowling Green Club will be at home at the Club's annual Closing Day on November 25.

A tennis tournament will begin at 2 p.m., and lawn bowls games will start at 3.30 p.m. They will be followed by presentation of prizes to winners of the Club competitions during the year.

In the play-off of the tie in the Captain's Cup qualifying competition for November on the New Course, Fanling, T. Megarry qualified with (84-12) 72 against J. Dennis.

expanse of water. Oftentimes he does this before the ball is actually hit, a ruinous procedure for the sudden head turn destroys the accuracy of the blow. Other players make up their mind to keep their heads down so determinedly that their stroke is stiff, the body stilted and oftentimes a sudden lurch features the last part of the stroke.

There are plenty of good swimmers who have a deadly fear of water when they face it from the tee. The above illustration of Bobby Jones, shows a procedure that can well be emulated. There aren't many golfers, who take a bag of balls and try hitting them over a water hazard as the Atlantan is doing above. Yet that is exactly the way to learn the right technique for this shot. Strokes are costly in actual play and many may be taken in such a situation. Make sure to keep the head down and swing through smoothly. **FRIDAY: A Gentle, Steady Temperament.**

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# GERMAN EFFORTS TO MAKE PEACE BETWEEN JAPAN AND SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES here point out that Germany, after trying during the last years to draw Japan into the anti-Comintern policy, is now endeavouring to bring about a rapprochement between Tokyo and Moscow.

It is of much significance, it is stated, that news of a possible Russian-Japanese understanding can always be traced to Berlin.

## BATTLE IN AMERICAN POLITICS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Internal politics will soon appear in the limelight again now that the Neutrality Law has been voted and the elections are approaching.

The opposition believes that centering attention on foreign problems gives President Roosevelt a strong advantage, as many politicians who oppose the President's home policies unconditionally support him in foreign matters.

This is notably the case with Senator Robert Taft, whose eventual presidential campaign will be conducted under an anti-New Deal slogan.

The situation as regards the elections

The opinion is generally held in Paris that things are not as advanced as Germany wants to make the world believe.

Conversations are taking place to establish Russo-Japanese relations on a new basis by the settlement of various issues, but the essential Japanese aim is to bring Russia to give up help to China.

### NO INDICATION

Nothing indicates so far that Moscow is ready to abandon her Chinese policy.

Political quarters stress that a Russo-Japanese rapprochement finds supporters only among those Japanese circles which recently favoured the transformation of the Anti-Comintern Pact into a military alliance.—Havas.

remains obscure, as everything depends on President Roosevelt's decision to run for a third term, and the President has not given any indication of his stand.

However it is probable that the Administration's strongest opponent will be Senator Vandenberg, who is opposing both the President's home and foreign policies.—Havas.

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Japanese gunboats, motor-boats, armed trawlers and transports are congregating below Shuihing.

Reconnaissance flights are being carried out by Japanese planes. — Our Own Correspondent.

London, To-day.

Official Anglo-Japanese negotiations in regard to Tientsin are still in abeyance, declares the diplomatic correspondent of "The Times."

The correspondent adds that there have been exchanges of views of an informal character not committing either government.

In regard to the silver reserve at Tientsin, the British Government is prepared to accept any solution to which the Chinese National Government would agree, but they are not prepared to take over Chinese property and deal with it without the consent and approval of its owners.—Reuter.

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson, American Ambassador to China, is expected here by air this afternoon, according to the local American Consulate.

The Macao police have arrested a Chinese in connection with the wounding of a young Chinese woman yesterday morning. It is said that the man is a well-known Chinese teacher in Hong Kong.

### ENTERED MINEFIELD INADVERTENTLY

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announce that the B.I. steamer Sirdhana, which sank in Singapore Roads, must have entered a mine-field by mistake.—Reuter.

His Excellency the Governor, who is playing bowls at the Kowloon Football Club this afternoon, is planning to pay an informal visit afterwards to the new A.R.P. Club in King's Park.

The funeral of Sergt. F. J. Evans, of the R.A.O.C., who was found shot dead yesterday, took place this afternoon.

London, To-day.

Two gallant deeds have earned the O.B.E. (Military Division).

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A Japanese plane flew over Sha-ng-chung in Mins Bay yesterday and to-day, but no bombs were dropped.

Stockholm, To-day.

Soviet aircraft, which are alleged to be continually flying over Finnish Karelia, opposite Leningrad, were subjected to machine-gun fire, according to the Helsinki correspondent of the "Afton-bladet." — Reuter.

Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.

Reports on the Japanese landing near Pakhoi are now somewhat conflicting.

One report states that Chinese troops have appeared in the path, and that a battle is raging some miles north-west of Pakhoi. Another report says that the Japanese also landed some 10 miles south-east of Pakhoi and that the vanguard of this unit has reached the outskirts of Pakhoi without encountering resistance.

Additional Japanese troops are being landed in large numbers and there is a suggestion of an advance towards Nanning.

To reach Nanning, the Japanese will, however, have to break the Chinese defences along the Kwangsi border. These defence works were completed several months ago and are manned by crack Kwangsi troops.—Our Own Correspondent.

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